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HANKOW PEACE. BRITISH RESUME CONTROL OF CONCESSION.

Chinese Soldier's Leave.

MR. CHEN'S APOLOGY FOR WAR MEMORIAL INCIDENT.

Hankow, January 7.
By arrangement with the Chinese military authorities, the British have resumed control of the Concession. The Chinese soldiery, except the military police, have been withdrawn.—Reuter.

WAR MEMORIAL INSULT.

Mr. Eugene Chen Apologises.

Rugby, Jan. 6.
In view of the unruly behaviour of the Chinese demonstrators crowding into the British Concession at Hankow, the British Consul-General, as a precautionary measure, ordered last night the evacuation of all the women and children. They are being conveyed down river to Shanghai.

The Concession was comparatively quiet last night, although further demonstrations were rumoured. The British Consulate was being guarded by Chinese troops.

Mr. Eugene Chen, Foreign Minister of the Southern National Government, who is in Hankow, has tendered to the Consul-General profound apologies on behalf of himself and his Government for the desecration by the mob of the War Memorial in the British Concession, and has promised that the damage shall be immediately repaired.

Mr. Chen has deprecated as unnecessary the evacuation of the British women and children, stating he could personally guarantee their immunity from danger or trouble.

He expresses the hope for a speedy restoration of order, and resumption of business.

A number of American women and children have also been evacuated from the United States Consulate-General at Hankow.

Kiukiang Incident.

At Kiukiang, lower down the Yangtze, all the British women and children willing to leave were also evacuated to Shanghai yesterday on board the Jardine Matheson steamer "Tuckwo."

An incident which has since occurred there at the beginning of the week, following the seizure of smugglers' boats and cargoes by Customs officers.

A threatening mob was dispersed by the Chinese, whose officer apologised for the incident, and promised to prevent its repetition.

As it seemed possible that the situation might get beyond the control of the Chinese officials, the British authorities decided that as a precaution the women and children should be removed to safety.—British Wireless Service.

American Women and Children.

The local naval authorities were in receipt of wireless messages this morning stating that all women and children had been evacuated from Ichang and that the situation there was quiet.

British women and children were to be evacuated by the first available steamer, states a message from Chengtin (Chungking).

A message from Hankow yesterday stated that preparations were in hand for the evacuation of American women and children, in addition to the British, and that it was intended to send them to Shanghai last night.

"Hermes" to Sail?

There were rumours current to-day that the "Hermes" ball at the Hotel Savoy would have to be cancelled as the "Hermes" would be leaving for the North.

Upon enquiry, the "China Mail" was informed that the "Hermes" was as yet under no definite orders. The ball has not been cancelled.

H.M.S. "Emerald," the sister ship to H.M.S. "Enterprise," will leave Hong Kong this afternoon for Nanking. Further up the river she will be unable to proceed.

HANKOW GUARDS

British and Chinese Fraternise.

Shanghai, Jan. 7.
A message from Hankow states that the situation is quiet. The main gate between the Concession and the Chinese City remains open. Half of it has been removed by the mob.

The Chinese military police are guarding the Concession in conjunction with the British naval and marine forces who were landed and who are on the best of terms with the Chinese guard.

Chang Kai-shek's Order.

There is evidence that the more moderate element of the Nationalist Government deprecate such incidents as that of January 4, but it remains to be seen how much power they possess over the Left Wing.

Meanwhile it is reported that Marshal Chang Kai-shek proposes to issue instruction that agitation of this nature must cease.—Reuter.

Legation Officials Go To Hankow.

Peking, Jan. 6.
Sir Francis Aglen, head of the Chinese Maritime Customs, quietly went to Shanghai on Jan. 5. It is understood his object was to discuss customs affairs with the Commissioner and bankers. The British legation officials Messrs. O'Malley and Teichman have gone to Hankow.—Reuter.

EARLIER CABLES.

Evacuation Completed.

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
A telegram from Hankow, dated January 5, states that by 6 o'clock yesterday evening it was extremely dangerous for any foreigner to appear in the British Concession.

The British Volunteers, who were standing by at headquarters all afternoon and evening, by arrangement with the Chinese authorities, commenced evacuation.

At 9.30 all rifles, ammunition, Lewis guns, etc., were being taken to a hulk, where the Navy was moored, and all gear was being removed in lorries and private cars carrying Volunteers with Chinese troops on the footboards as a precaution against the mobs.

More Howling Mobs.

The evacuation was carried out without a hitch by 2 o'clock this morning.

Many of the British residents were besieged by howling mobs after the evacuation.

The Headquarters are now in charge of Chinese soldiery and this morning pickets and soldiers were keeping order.

The population was surprised by the fact that the Concession was "allowed to be taken over without defence."

All Chinese workers in British firms have been called out to attend an anti-British mass meeting at 11 o'clock this morning. Delinquents will be forced to attend.—Reuter.

Extremist Demands.

Hankow, Jan. 6.
Representatives of the labourers, farmers, merchants, students, and soldiers met yesterday morning and formulated a series of five articles which, if approved by the National Government, will be presented to the British Consul this morning.

Article 1, contains the following eight points:

1. A protest to be sent to the Consul by the Nationalist Government.
2. Request the British Government to pay an indemnity for those killed and wounded on the 3rd instant.
3. Punish those in British pay in uniforms who used force and hand them over to the Chinese authorities.

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MODERN MAGIC.

Trans-Atlantic Telephony Wonders.

NOTABLE BRITISH FEAT.

Rugby, Jan. 6.

The trans-Atlantic wireless telephony service between London and New York opens officially to-morrow. It is an epoch-making event.

Telephony by wireless was accomplished a quarter of a century ago, but it was then in such form as to be impracticable for ordinary commercial usage.

In the local broadcasting of to-day the valve has been increased in power year by year until to-day large power valve transmitters of 200 kilowatts capacity are in service for telephony between London and New York.

What happens in conversation is that when the subscriber in London speaks, say, from his office, his voice currents pass to a trunk exchange, and thence along special underground long-distance cables to the wireless station at Rugby.

There they undergo transformation, which converts them into wireless waves, which pass across the Atlantic to Houlton, in Maine, where the receiving arrangements of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company are installed.

From Houlton they pass by a land line 500 miles to the New York long distance exchange, and thence to the intended recipient.

When the New York subscriber replies, his voice currents pass to the long distance exchange, and thence along underground cables 70 miles to the wireless station on Long Island.

Here they are transformed into wireless waves and traverse the ocean to Wroughton, near Swindon, where the Post Office receiver converts the wireless waves back into voice frequency currents suitable for transmission along the underground cables to the London trunk exchange, and thence to the subscriber.

In order to economise ether space, both transmission and reception are worked on the same wave-length.

This necessitates the use of switching devices which are controlled by the voice in such a way that when the subscriber in London speaks, his circuit to New York is switched on and the circuit from New York to London is switched off.

As soon as he ceases speaking, the switches are restored automatically, and when the New York subscriber replies, his voice works the switches so that he is connected to London and circuit and New York incoming from London is temporarily cut off.

This to and from process goes on automatically all the time the conversation is proceeding.

To facilitate the opening of the telephony service, no British Official Press message will be sent from Rugby at eight o'clock to-morrow evening, although the day and midnight messages will be transmitted as usual.

The customary eight o'clock message will be resumed on the following evening, January 8.—British Wireless Service.

TO-DAY'S SALUTE.

NEW ADMIRAL'S FLAG. HOISTED.

Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Yorke Tyrwhitt, who arrived by the s.s. "Mores" to take over command of the China Squadron in succession to Vice-Admiral A. J. B. Sinclair, hoisted his flag this morning on H.M.S. "Despatch" and saluted the flag of the departing Admiral.

The salute was returned by H.M.S. "Hawkins". To-morrow, Admiral Stirling's flag will be struck on H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the departing Admiral will leave by the s.s. "Malwa."

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 7/16.

THE SILVER SHIP.

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PICTURESQUE DEPARTURE.

Rugby, Jan. 6.

The battle cruiser "Renown" left Portsmouth at half past one o'clock this afternoon bearing the Duke and Duchess of York on their voyage to Australia and New Zealand.

The Prince of Wales, Prince Henry and Prince George travelled with them from London to Portsmouth, and accompanied them on board the warship.

The scene of embarkation was picturesque. The decks and turrets of the great vessel, which in the brilliant sun shone like a silver ship, were lined with sailors in their blue with white collars linked arm in arm.

As the Duke stepped on board his standard was broken at the masthead. There was the crash of twenty-one guns as the vessels in harbour fired the Royal salute while the party were "piped on" by the boatswain in accordance with the old custom which prevailed in the days when Nelson boarded the "Victory."

Prince of Wales.

The Prince of Wales, as senior officer, took the inspection of the guard of honour of one hundred Royal Marines assembled on the quarter deck.

They presented a striking picture in their blue and gold uniforms with white pith helmets caught by the sunlight.

Within half an hour farewells had been said, the "Renown" slipped her moorings.

All the ships in harbour were dressed and manned and syrens were sounded, while the guns of the battleships "Iron Duke," "Marlborough," "Benbow," and "Emperor of India" simultaneously crashed out a magnificent Royal Salute.

The Duke and Duchess appeared on the promenade deck waving a last good-bye to the Princes and cheering crowds.

Four destroyers escorted the "Renown" until sunset. Five giant flying-boats also accompanied them round the Isle of Wight.—British Wireless Service.

Royal Salute.

London, Jan. 6.

The Duke and Duchess of York's train arrived at Portsmouth dockyard at one o'clock this afternoon in bright sunshine and drew up at the railway jetty alongside which the "Renown" was moored.

The Commander-in-Chief of Portsmouth and others greeted the Duke and Duchess and when they boarded the "Renown" the Duke's standard was broken at the mainmast, and the ships in harbour fired the royal salute.

The "Renown" sailed at 1.30 amid an outburst of cheers.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

Rugby, Jan. 6.

The Duke and Duchess of York, who left London this morning on their tour of Australia and New Zealand, attended a farewell dinner at Buckingham Palace last night.

The Royal travellers have received many messages wishing them bon voyage, including cables from the Governors-General of Australia and New Zealand.

The New Zealand telegram, after expressing good wishes for a pleasant voyage, added, "The prospect of the visit has aroused feelings of the keenest pleasure in this Dominion, and your Royal Highnesses are assured of a loyal and warmhearted welcome everywhere."

This morning the streets leading to the London station from which the Duke and Duchess departed for Portsmouth, where they will board the battleship "Renown" were crowded, and a most cordial reception was accorded them on arrival. The King and Queen and Royal Princes, who were present, were also enthusiastically received. The station platform was reserved for the Royal party and their intimate friends, together with Mr. Baldwin and other Ministers and officials representing various departments of State, but their

AIR LINER'S TRIP.

London to India Eleven Days.

AN EPOCH-MAKING EVENT.

Rugby, Jan. 6.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary of Air, Lady Maud Hoare, and Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond landed at Karachi at 25 minutes past five this afternoon.

This is the first long distance passenger flight ever carried out to a prearranged time table of hours and minutes.

So closely has the time table been followed that after flying 4,335 miles, the air liner was actually ten minutes early on arrival at Jask on the Persian Gulf.

Her only delay on the whole flight occurred when violent sandstorms delayed her for a day.

In spite of this delay, however, India was reached from London in eleven days—the shortest time in which passengers have travelled between these two points. The journey was accomplished by flying in daylight only, every night being spent comfortably at prearranged halts.—British Wireless Service.

ARMS ON SHIP.

MEANT FOR "FRIENDS" IN SHANGHAI.

BOUGHT IN HAMBURG.

London, Jan. 6.

A fine of £369 was imposed on Wing Ah-nang, a seaman of the Glen liner "Glenarry," who pleaded guilty at London to illegally importing and concealing on that vessel 48 revolvers and 4,750 rounds of ammunition which were found in a wooden case protecting the hot-water pipes in the hold.

Prisoner said that he brought the arms from Hamburg, where they were brought to the "Glenarry" in a motor boat, and he was going to take them to "friends" in Shanghai.—Reuter.

cheers as the train left were taken up vigorously by a dense throng outside the station.

The newspapers recall that visits to the Dominions such as that now being undertaken, which have immensely strengthened the ties that bind the distant parts of the Empire to the Mother Country and the Crown, were inaugurated by King Edward, when as Prince of Wales he visited Canada and India more than half a century ago. The present King and Queen made a tour in 1901 from one end of the Empire to the other, and later paid two visits to India, and the present heir to the throne has toured every Dominion.—British Wireless Service.

Picturesque Details.

London, Jan. 6.

An affectionate public send-off was given to the Duke and Duchess of York, on their departure for their 30,000-mile tour of Australia and New Zealand to open the Commonwealth Parliament at Canberra. Enormous crowds lined the route to the station, and the occasion was made memorable by the number of women present, who were touched by the Duchess's sorrow in parting from her baby, illustrated by the Duchess's frequent interruptions in her preparations for departure in the early morning in constantly paying a visit to the bedroom to kiss the infant, murmuring "God bless the baby."

It is noteworthy that the baby meantime has been left in the joint guardianship of the Queen and the Duchess's mother, Countess Strathmore, both of whom with the King and other Royalties, the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet were present on the platform.

All affectionately bade farewell to the Royal couple, whose brain steamed out with the Duchess standing at the window blowing kisses.—Reuter.

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"They were admirable, even heroic," he said, "and I cannot speak too highly of them. I am only sorry so many of them have lost or damaged belongings. I have had 27 years' experience of command, and during that time have been in some tight corners, but this is absolutely the tightest thing I have ever been in. I have never had anything approaching it ever."

Practically Flooded.

"At one time I did not expect to come through at all. This was when the gale was at its worst, on the 20th, and it was most serious as far as the position of the ship was concerned. We were practically flooded right out, and it kept on like that for 36 hours, during which time we were making no headway. We were head on, and just kept afloat. After this the wind moderated, and we got the water down and got on our course; if the conditions had not improved we should have to battle on and hope for the best; as it was we very nearly dropped, and most of the men are knocked up now after their efforts and terrible experience."

Terrific Seas.

"The force of the waves was very terrific," he continued, "and I have never seen anything like it before. I have been in more wind, but never in more sea; you could hear the sea coming quite two minutes before it descended on us. The first sign of any trouble with the ship was when the engine-room and stokehold became flooded through the skylights being burst in and the seas coming over. The fires were very nearly out, but fortunately they were not quite extinguished, and we succeeded in keeping them going."

"The pumps got into a queer state, but the engineers improvised a jury pipe leading to the bilges, and that is how we kept the water down until the weather moderated and we were able to get on our course. We started off at four knots an hour, and finished up at 8½ knots. After we got going the vessel ceased making water, and the seas gradually calmed down."

"When the storm was at its height we were getting the waters amidships and fore and aft, and at times we were completely under water. We never got to the point of thinking it impossible to save her and ourselves if humanly possible, and are thankful to have arrived safely in port."

Messroom Boy's Courage.
"The wireless man stuck it finely, he went through a very strenuous time from the commencement of the storm till the finish, sending out and receiving messages. None of us had anything to eat except dry biscuits and a cup of tea now and then, which was made in a bucket in the stokehold. Everybody did finely, no one needs special praise because everybody worked finely, if they had not it would have been most serious, and none of us perhaps would have seen home again."

Mr. A. White, the second engineer, of Portshead, said: "There were terrible columns of water in the engine room and the engines had throttled, otherwise the steamer would have been swamped. I want to say a word of praise for the donkey man named Cook, who was oiling and greasing for 16 hours at a stretch, he had the heart of a lion. It should also be said of the messroom boy aged 16, who never showed the slightest sign of funk, that he was wonderful and the bravest of the lot, being a little marvel."

Wireless Operator's Luck.

The wireless operator, J. M. Verrall, who belongs to Moseley, Birmingham, interviewed in the operating room where he spent so many anxious hours, sat rubbing a stubby beard, which had grown since his long inability to shave. "I was here," he said, "all the time of the gale except once or twice, and once I had gone out I had to get back by climbing up the ventilator, so badly smashed was everything. Messages ceased to be coming about every two ticks. I had nothing to eat except biscuits, and nothing to drink except water, except that once I managed to get some tea in a medicine bottle—it was a nightmare all the time, and

PASSENGER LIST.**ARRIVALS.**

Among the passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from London (via ports) by the P. & O. "Morea" on Jan. 7 were:-

From London:—Mr. and Mrs. E. Post, Mr. R. Lanigan, Mr. and Mrs. C. and Miss Jeffries, Mr. W. C. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodward, Mr. R. G. and Miss Groundwater, Mr. H. G. Hallam, Capt. M. Costello, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grimmett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner, Pay Comdr. K. E. Badcock, Mr. J. G. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. A. Prosser, Miss Hoare, Mr. J. A. Mackinlay, Mrs. M. C. Watson, Mrs. A. Dawson, Mrs. M. A. Spence, Mr. E. J. Cotton, Mr. G. Wooding, Pay Lt.-Comdr. Morrissey, Pay Lt. D. S. Wareham, Pay Lt. A. G. Spears, Mr. R. Hooper, Miss E. R. Mowfung, Lt.-Comdr. T. Taylor, C.P.O. T. O. Mantle, Capt. C. F. Sparrow, Lt. A. N. Waring, Lt. C. R. V. Pugh, Lt. H. R. E. Nicholl, Mr. W. D. Chandler, Mrs. A. Nicholl, Mr. and Mrs. D. McLean, Miss G. A. Looker.

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From Marseilles:—Mr. A. C. Hynes, Mr. J. Angwin, Mr. W. Kay, From Aden:—C.P.O. B. B. Lewis, From Colombo:—Miss E. Welch, Mr. R. Watson, Sister Mary, Miss S. H. Laird.

From Singapore:—Miss H. M. Gordon, Mrs. Young.

Among the first-class passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from San Francisco via Shanghai by the "President Cleveland" on Jan. 6 were:—Mr. Aldrich Barton, Miss Agnes Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fridgent, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hutchins, Mr. B. E. Bevan Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Macdonell, Mr. A. Petrinell, Miss Mary A. Spink, Mr. J. D. Watt, Mrs. L. Averill, Mrs. S. Chaney, Mr. L. Chaney, Mr. M. H. Dodge, Miss Doris Dorcy, Mrs. Linda H. Dorcy, Miss B. Knox, Mrs. P. Luckel, Mr. B. P. Louis, Mr. P. McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Miller, Miss Mar-secano, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Maxwell, Mrs. J. H. Newbauer, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Pronko, Mr. John W. Ziegler.

Among the passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from Kobe, Yokohama and Shanghai, on the P. & O. "Malwa" on Jan. 7 were:—Mr. J. H. Scott, Mr. F. M. Weller, Mr. K. P. Yu, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Terrell, Mr. P. Miller, Mr. C. Lane, Mr. M. Sabhani, Mr. K. M. Hira, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Andrews, Mr. F. E. Martin, Mr. C. Breyer, Mr. I. Shimza, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Williams, Madame Tirbak, Mr. C. H. Benson, Mr. M. Axelrood, Mr. Sahara, Mr. Shiyoski, Mr. Obata, Mr. H. C. Reskes, Mrs. T. C. Wu, Mrs. Lee.

Among the first-class passengers who disembarked at Hong Kong (from Marseilles, Singapore and Saigon) from the M.M. s.s. "d'Arctique" on Jan. 6 were:—M. Colin, M. F. Zobel de Ayala, M. Ariston, Bautista, Mlle. Cu Ueyching, Miss Morton, Miss Christine Morton, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gordon, Mr. T. E. Fitzpatrick, Mr. J. B. Vaughan Baker, M. Jules Duchaine, Mr. Takeo Sakeki, Mr. M. Waele.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Bonled" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after January 10, will be subject to rent.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Weirbank" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after January 14, will be subject to rent.

I shall never forget it. It was a good thing I was here instead of in my own room not far away, as the roof was lifted off, the stanchions were bent, and the water tank was carried over the engine-room. If I had gone out I should probably have been blown over."

Mr. E. Hearle, of Sunderland, the chief engineer, said: "We had a very rough time down below, with the engineers and firemen closed in. It was hot and oppressive, and heavy seas were coming down and striking cylinders, so that we were assailed once or twice, although not seriously. I was in the engine-room about six days with only four hours' sleep."

RADIO FOR THE LONELY.

Rugby, Jan. 6.
The money required to provide all the 82 lighthouses and lightships round the British coasts with wireless telephonic receiving sets has been voluntarily subscribed through the "Daily News," which yesterday received a \$1,200 gift to the fund from Lord Inchcape, the prominent shipowner.—British Wireless Service.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Karmala" from Hong Kong arrived London on Jan. 5, at 1 a.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama at noon yesterday, left that port at 7 this morning, and is due at Hong Kong on January 14.
The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 13, 1926, and is due here on or about January 21, 1927.

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TO VICTORIA & VANCOUVER.

STEAMERS	H'Kong Leave	Shanghai Leave	Kobe Leave	Yokohama Leave	Y'wan Arrive
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong About	Destination
MALWA	10,041	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KASHMIR	9,005	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MOREA	10,018	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	9,005	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KALYAN	9,344	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,852	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MANTUA	10,002	5th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NYANZA	7,923	18th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MONGOLIA	10,004	19th March	Marseilles and London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,155	3th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,123	13th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,007	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,041	30th April	Marseilles and London
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,018	28th May	Marseilles & London

Prudent connection from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Piraeus, Smyrna and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Khedival Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

TAKADA	6,049	22nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,000	1st Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALAMBA	8,500	7th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	3,000	28th Jan.	Australia
TANDA	9,956	4th March	Manila, Kolambagan, Thursday
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	Sydney & Melbourne
TANDA	9,956	3rd June	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st July	

Regular monthly sailings from Hongkong to Japan and Hongkong to Australia.

The E. & A. S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Iloilo, Cebu, Kolambagan, Tawau, Timor, Darwin, or other ports on route as inducement offers.

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The Union S.S. Company's steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. & O. Royal Mail steamers to London via Suez Canal.

The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers, to London via the Cape.

The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

TILAWA	10,000	11th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
TALAMBA	8,500	18th Jan.	Moji & Kobe
TALMA	10,000	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KASHGAR	9,005	22nd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	9,005	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALMA	10,000	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,002	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,853	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	9,959	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,004	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,923	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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All dates are approximate, and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

*Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on-carrying steamer.

All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.

Steamers on London and Australian Lines are fitted with Laundries.

Parcels measuring not more than 2½ ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

S.S. "OANPA"	Via Suez Canal	14th January.
S.S. "CYCLOPS"	do.	28th January.
S.S. "CITY OF JOHANNESBURG"	do.	11th February.
S.S. "TELEUS"	do.	25th February.
S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL"	do.	11th March.
S.S. "ATREUS"	do.	25th March.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' Option.

Subject to change without notice.

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Hong Kong & Canton; JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Canton.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

Lok Sun (1,045 tons) British, from Sandakan and Jesselton; Fei Lun S.S. Co., Ltd.—450 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong; 68 passengers.

Devanha (4,758) British, from Bombay, Singapore; P. & O.—700 tons H.K.; 2,000 tons beyond; 11 passengers.

Kumsang (3,341) British, from Osaka, J. M. & Co.—382 tons H.K. Waishing (1,170) British, from Canton; J. M. & Co.

Suiyang (1,594) British, from Canton; B. & S. Yuehsang, (1,988) British, from Durban, Saigon; Bank Line—148 passengers.

City of Winnipeg (3,331) British, from Sydney, Cape Breton, Shanghai; Bank Line—1,035 tons H.K.; 3 passengers.

Demodocus (4,188) British, from London, Singapore; B. & S.—277 tons H.K.; 4,027 tons beyond; 471 passengers.

Banshu Maru (258) Japanese, from Canton; Hayashikuni Co. Taikwa Maru (1,294) Japanese, from Canton; O.S.K.—50 tons H.K.; 230 tons beyond.

Romelo (6,084) Italian, from Trieste, Singapore; Dodwell & Co.—303 tons H.K.; 5,800 tons beyond; 38 passengers.

Phrayang (1,022) Chinese, from Whampoa; Cneong Yue & Co. Takling (105) Chinese, from A. T. Fook Hoi Co.—20 tons H.K.; 120 passengers.

Malwa (5,974) British, from Yokohama, Shanghai; P. & O.—1 ton H.K.; 1,700 tons beyond; 87 passengers.

Morea (5,976) British, from London, Singapore; P. & O.—400 tons H.K.; 700 tons beyond; 183 passengers.

Pheumphen (1,065) British, from Saigon, Tourane; Wo Fat Sing—1,700 tons H.K.; 85 passengers.

Departures.

For Batavia: Tjikandi.

For Hongkong: Phrayang.

For Saigon: Sanjin Maru, Apsey.

For Canton: Kueichow, Kohoku Maru, Kwongsang, Luchow.

For Shanghai: Devanha, Empress of Asia.

For Keelung: Banshu Maru No. 17.

For Au Tau: Tak King.

For Kwong-chow-wan: Haimun, Song Bo.

For Amoy: Suiyang.

For Swatow: Hong Peng, Kwei-yang.

Clearances.

For Canton: Ninghai, Kanchow.

For Singapore: Van Overstraten, Tijmanoeck.

For Shanghai: D'Artagnan, Sarpedon.

For Hongkong: Talkwa Maru.

For Manila: President Cleveland.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day there were 66 sea-going vessels in port, of which 30 fly the British flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 16 arrivals and 17 departures.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Two cases of highway robbery figured in the Police reports handed in at Central Station for the 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. to-day.

Whilst a married couple, both hawkers, were walking along the railway line near Lowu Station, they fell in with two men, one of whom was armed with a dagger. The men relieved their victims of \$2 in cash.

The second case occurred near the paper mills at Aberdeen, a widow being waylaid by two men who relieved her of a ring and bangle valued at \$35.

Called by Bishop Valtorta, a meeting is to be held this evening for the purpose of discussing the question of taking steps to improve the lot of the rich and the poor of Hong Kong. The convener of the meeting spent many years in Hongkong, the home of many rich and poor who ply their trade in this Colony. In a circular, the Bishop says that a place is wanted where the coolies can find amusement and relaxation without being compelled to gamble, direction and assistance during illness and unemployment, instruction provided by simple lectures and literature, and encouragement to save etc.

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A TOUCH OF rheumatism or a twinge of neuralgia, whatever the trouble is, Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieves the pain. Burns and scalds are promptly relieved, cuts and bruises quickly healed and swellings promptly reduced. In fact no household should be without it. For sale everywhere.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
T'au via Swatow & S'hai	WAISHING	Sun., 9th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Singapore	YUENSANG	Mon., 10th Jan., at 8 p.m.
Canton	HOPKINS	Tues., 11th Jan., at 7 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 12th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Wed., 12th Jan., at 2 p.m.
Onaka via Moji & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Sat., 15th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Halphong via Hoehow	MINGSANG	Sat., 15th Jan., at 8 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & S'hai	HOPKINS	Sun., 10th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Onaka via Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Sun., 10th Jan., at 7 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & S'hai	KWANGSANG	Wed., 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tsingtau via Swatow & S'hai	YATSHING	Sun., 23rd Jan., at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Moji	SUISANG	Sun., 23rd Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tsingtau via Swatow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Wed., 26th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	KUMSANG	Wed., 26th Jan., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri., 28th Jan., at 1 p.m.

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WHITE STAR LINER.

ORDER PLACED WITH HARLAND AND WOLFF.

"BIG ENOUGH FOR ANYBODY."

After going on board the "White Star" liner "Majestic," prior to her departure for New York, Mr. P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine Company, announced that the White Star Line had placed an order with Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., Belfast, for a very large steamer, as previously discussed.

To inquiries as to her size, he replied, "Big enough for anybody," beyond which he would not commit himself.

EXAGGERATED PROFITS.

Mrs. W. A. Souter, presiding at the annual meeting of the Shen Line, Newcastle, deprecated the reports in the Press regarding the profits earned at present by shipping. They had looked at only one side of the picture. Some were only for a short period, and his line had certain contracts to carry out and were at a disadvantage, as the running costs of vessels had gone up greatly, largely owing to the increased price they had had to pay for coal.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

FROM NEW YORK & SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Motor Vessel "WEIRBANK" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 14th January, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 21st January, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Friday, 14th January, 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.

Hong Kong, 7th January, 1927.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

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THE Steamship "BENLEID"

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 10th instant, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 24th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th instant, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 4th January, 1927.

N.Y.K. LINE

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.
TAIYO MARU Tuesday, 11th Jan., at Noon.
TENYO MARU Monday, 24th January.
KOREA MARU Sunday, 8th February.
Calls Los Angeles.

SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

RAKUYO MARU Saturday, 15th Jan., at Noon.

GINYO MARU Middle of February.

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.

SUWA MARU Saturday, 15th Jan., at 11 a.m.

FUSHIMI MARU Saturday, 29th January.

HAKOZAKI MARU Saturday, 12th February.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 19th Jan., at 11 a.m.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU Thursday, 10th February.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

TAJIMA MARU Saturday, 6th February.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KAMAKURA MARU Saturday, 19th January.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

TAMBA MARU Tuesday, 11th January.

RANGOON MARU Saturday, 22nd January.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

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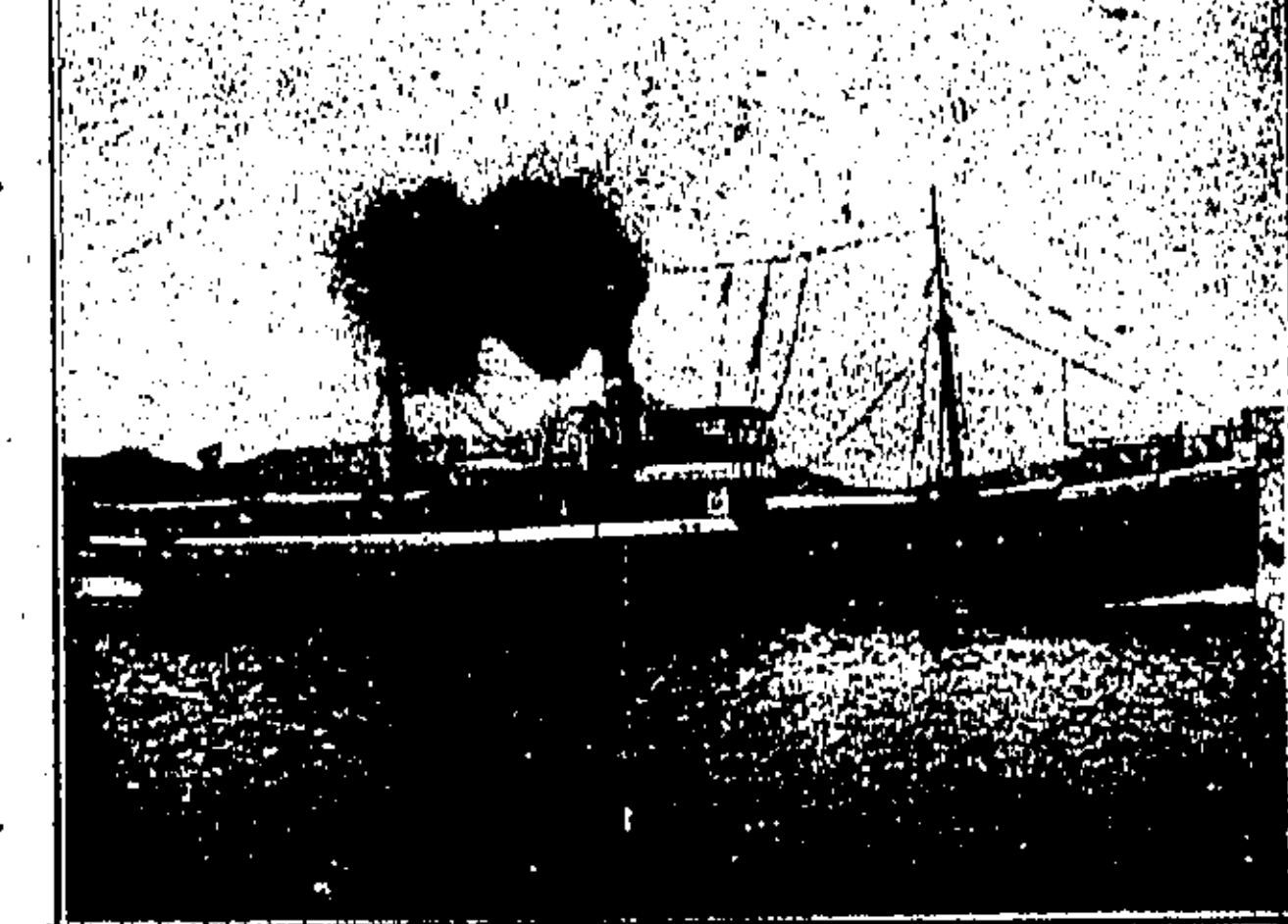
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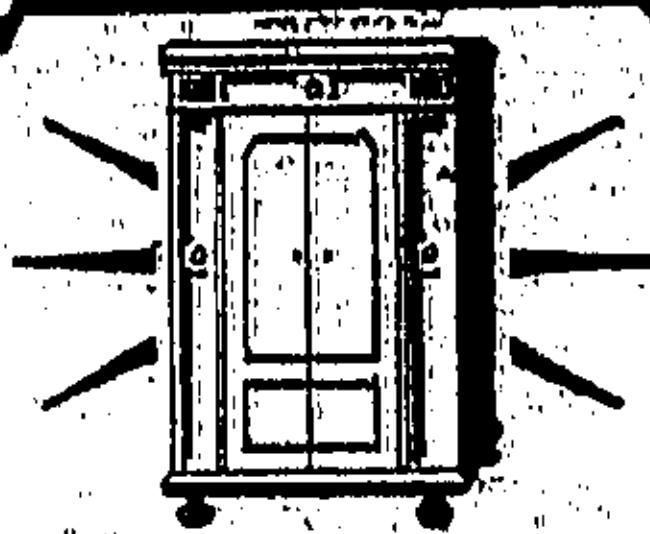
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MOB RULE.

In spite of the ugly position created in Hankow by the evacuation of the British Concession there is no cause for anything akin to panic or dismay. The British residents numbered only a few hundred and their defence force, even joined to the British Marines, was utterly inadequate to cope with thousands of howling coolies whom the Chinese authorities themselves could not repress. To have attempted to hold the Concession in the face of such odds would have been disastrous. The real trial of strength, it must be emphasised, is not between the British and the Chinese, but between the Chinese authorities and the unruly Chinese mobs. Chinese law and order is on trial, much more so than it has ever been in Canton. If it cannot prevail over the extremists it will indeed be a sorry outlook for the so-called Nationalist cause. The query must inevitably arise: if the Cantonese authorities are unable to prevent riots and outrages in Hankow, how can they possibly aspire to rule the whole of China eventually? The British evacuation is not a British defeat, moral or otherwise. It is a defeat of the Chinese authorities, who must be held accountable for the excesses committed by the howling mobs. The incident is regrettable inasmuch as it has put back the hands of the clock of progress in the relations between the British and the Chinese—and for that, of course, the British are guilty. This is apparently the view of Mr. Eugene Chen, who has tendered to the British Consul-General profound apologies on behalf of himself and his Govern-

ment for the desecration by the mob of the War Memorial in the British Concession and promised that the damage shall be immediately repaired. He has deprecated as unnecessary the evacuation of the British women and children, stating that he could personally guarantee their immunity from danger or trouble. Further, Mr. Eugene Chen expresses a hope for the speedy restoration of order and resumption of business. Thus does he, too, recognise that Chinese law and order is on its trial, and that if it breaks down more lasting damage will be done to the Chinese cause than to the prestige of the foreigners.

Wanted—the Truth.

It is to be trusted that the British authorities will lose no time in calling to all quarters of the globe an authentic account of the events in Hankow on January 3 and since. It is evident, from the conflicting nature of some of the details that are filtering through, that an attempt is being deliberately made to damage British prestige in the eyes of the world. This is only in keeping with Bolshevik propaganda; but that is no reason why it should not be both anticipated and countered. The further a lie or a calumny gets on its way the harder it is to overtake it—and still more difficult is it to undo the wrong for which it is responsible. Even now the lawless elements in Hankow are in a desperate hurry to "telegraph to the whole world declaring the outlawry of the British." But the British have a case, and a just case; and the sooner it is presented to the world the better. The truth cannot be told too soon or too often in a righteous cause. Which suggests that both the British Minister in Peking and the Hong Kong Government ought to be given the services of a publicity expert.

Mr. Lloyd George and China.

Most sober-minded people would have thought that the reception accorded to Mr. Lloyd George's articles on China some seventeen months ago would have caused the ex-Premier to hesitate most profoundly before making another excursion into Oriental politics. The very trenchant criticism meted out to Mr. Lloyd George by the London "Daily Telegraph"—published in *extenso* in Wednesday's "China Mail"—will, no doubt, have been read, and re-read, with the utmost satisfaction by all Britons whose lot it is to be domiciled in the Far East at the present time, and beyond an observation that we heartily concur with our London contemporary, there is little more for us to say. We gave the article in detail because it exposed very fully the evil of ex-Cabinet Ministers—men who naturally command a very wide public—making public utterances upon matters of which they are obviously singularly ignorant. Few

will deny Mr. Lloyd George a claim to rank in the forefront of statesmen of his era, but it would be difficult to find anyone willing to recognise him as an authority on matters Chinese; and mischievous effusions such as he has recently been making, cannot fail to do a good deal of harm.

Ministers and the Press.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, recently decreed that no member of his Ministry should write for the Press whilst holding office—an order which naturally told heavily upon men such as the Earl of Birkenhead and Mr. Winston Churchill. We should like to see this rule extended to all members of Parliament—men who are, in fact, paid public servants—whose criticism of the Government should be confined to the House of Commons and the electioneering platform. Effusions in the Press and irresponsible outbursts in other public places in times of stress, such as the difficult period a mere handful of Britons in China have been subjected to during recent months, should not be allowed. If Mr. Lloyd George would "be just and fear not"—to use the key phrase of his article in the American Press—he would be well-advised to refrain in future from discoursing upon matters of which he obviously knows little, if anything.

OBITUARIES.

WELL-KNOWN PORTUGUESE RESIDENT.

Mr. M. P. REMEDIOS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. M. P. Remedios, accountant of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., who died yesterday at his residence, 8 Humphreys Avenue, after being confined to bed for nearly four months with paralysis. The late Mr. Remedios was 46 years of age and had been in the employ of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. for 28 years, joining as an operator at the age of 17 he rose to the position of accountant which he held at the time of his death.

The late Mr. Remedios was a well-known and respected Portuguese resident of Hong Kong. Of a quiet disposition, he was very popular among a wide circle of friends. He leaves an aged mother, a wife and 9 children.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

SENIOR CHINESE REVENUE OFFICER.

Ex-Royal Navy Man.

The funeral took place this afternoon, attended by many Service colleagues, of Chinese Senior Revenue Officer Kwan Fuk of the Imports and Exports Department. Mr. Kwan Fuk died on Wednesday, 45 years of age, at his home at No. 44, D'Almeida Street. Wreaths were sent by Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke, the European Revenue Officers, Chinese Revenue Officers and the clerical staff of the Department.

Deceased had 11½ years' service with the Colony's preventive corps and had previously served in the Royal Navy on the West River gunboats. He bore a fine character and by his zeal and intelligence had won the esteem of all his superiors.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

BUSINESS BEFORE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Cymdeithas Dewi Sant (St. David's Society) of Hong Kong, will be held at the offices of Johnson, Stokes and Master on January 14, at 5.30 p.m.

The business includes the presentation of the report of the Committee and the statement of accounts for the past year; the election of officers and Committee for the ensuing year; the consideration of the manner in which St. David's Day shall be celebrated, and any suggestions in regard to social activities of the Society for the ensuing year.

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RAZOR STRUGGLE.

'A THOROUGHLY BAD SCOUNDREL.'

MIDNIGHT ASSAULT.

The midnight assault on Mr. Sirdah Khan, the well-known local cricketer and Chief Clerk at the Harbour Office, had its sequel in Mr. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese was charged with attempted larceny and assault with violence.

Mr. Khan, in the witness box, said that at 2 a.m. yesterday he was aroused in his sleep by a noise on the verandah of his house in Percival Street. Witness got up and went out. He found the defendant, who struggled violently. Witness knocked the defendant down, but the latter slashed at witness with a razor. The struggle continued until witness overpowered his assailant and sent for the Police.

His Worship: You are satisfied that the wounds were not accidental?—Quite. He begged to be let go, but when I refused he slashed out.

In reply to his Worship, defendant admitted having the razor for the purpose of removing the window panes.

His Worship: Anything else—it was unintentional. If I had meant it, I should have aimed at his stomach. Possibly my arm knocked against a table.

A Good Deal Known.

Det. Sgt. Rozeskey said that there was a good deal known against him and that Sub-Ins. Vincent would prefer a third charge, namely one of returning from banishment.

Sub-Ins. Vincent stated that the defendant had been convicted for larceny in 1924 when he was sentenced to three months, and again in 1926, when he was banished for ten years.

Observing that the man was a "thoroughly bad scoundrel," his Worship sentenced the defendant to three months for attempted larceny, three months for the assault and six months and twenty strokes for returning from banishment, the terms of imprisonment to run consecutively.

STOWED AWAY.

A 16-YEAR OLD YOUTH'S WANDERINGS.

TIMELY HONG KONG HELP.

Elija Phomenko, a Russian youth, sixteen years of age, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning with having no visible means of support.

Det-Sgt. Elston informed his Worship that, according to a statement made by the defendant through an interpreter, he had been born at Ekaterinoslav, but his parents had died of starvation during the famine of 1921.

Finding his way to Shanghai by way of Odessa, Vladivostok and Harbin, defendant stowed away on the "Glenapp" to Singapore, where he obtained work on a rubber estate owned by a Mr. Frankel. Not contented with the work, he again stowed away on the M.M. "D'Artagnan," but was discovered by the officers when at Aden and was sent back to Shanghai on the s.s. "Hakozaki Maru." Thinking the weather would be cold in Shanghai, he absconded when that vessel arrived in Hong Kong.

Sending the defendant to the House of Detention until the 10th inst., his Worship said that he was glad to learn that the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave of the Missions to Seamen had found him some warm clothing and a passage to Shanghai, and he, (his Worship), hoped that the Russian Committee in the Northern port would find him some work to do.

QUITS!

AMUSING POLICE COURT INCIDENT.

Charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with causing wilful damage to a suit of clothes belonging to a man with whom she lodged, a Chinese woman pleaded "not guilty" at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Observing that the evidence was "most conflicting," his Worship asked the defendant whether she would be willing to pay the complainant \$8.

Defendant (indignantly): Certainly not! I don't object to paying a fine, but I don't want that man to get it. I have been locked up for two days.

His Worship (to complainant): You have sufficient time to waste to prefer a charge which you could not support and you rendered yourself liable to prosecution. Consider your own square; she spoiled your suit and you spoiled her feelings. (Laughter.)

"SUNNING" TREAL.

DEFENCE OF FOUR OF ACCUSED.

IDENTIFICATION QUESTION.

Addressing Mr. Lindsell at the commencement of this morning's hearing, Mr. M. K. Lo, defending the remaining four accused men, said that he did not think that there would be any conflict of opinion between himself and the Crown Solicitor in regard to the evidence. He would therefore very briefly address the learned magistrate in regard to the question of discretion and jurisdiction.

In quoting "Best on Identification," Mr. Lo said that he felt it quite clear that no one would attach much importance to evidence of persons who said "I saw that man 'fore," or "I think that man was 'aft." Unless there was very special evidence, no jury would convict.

Turning to his Worship's jurisdiction, Mr. Lo quoted a number of cases decided in the Court of Appeal and an important judgment given by Mr. Justice Gompertz in the case of Rex v. Hong Sui-long. "In that case," said Mr. Lo, "Sir Edward Clarke, perhaps the greatest authority on the subject of extradition, had said, in regard to the duties of a Magistrate, that they were more limited in cases of extradition than in an ordinary indictable charge. It must be remembered, that a magistrate in cases that demanded extradition was not quite in the same position as if he were deciding on a charge of crime committed within his own jurisdiction. In the latter case, he had full discretion; he may, and often does, discharge a prisoner because although there is *prima facie* evidence of guilt, the circumstances are so obscure, the testimony so conflicting and the intent so doubtful, that he thinks a jury would not be likely to convict."

Accused in the Box.
Mr. Lo said that with his Worship's permission he would deal with the 7th, 9th, and 14th defendants first, leaving No. 8 until the end, the first three having been fellow seamen on the s.s. "Cheung On." His Worship concurred. Wu Pang, the 7th defendant, in reply to Mr. Lo, said that he was one of the 19 members of the crew of the s.s. "Cheung On" who were paid off at Shanghai and given passages to Hong Kong on board the s.s. "Sunning." They had been on the former vessel for six months.

Witness went on to recall how pirates entered his cabin and took away his purse. He remained below until he was driven up on deck by the pirates. He managed to hide under a lifeboat, afterwards crossing the deck to another boat. When the first started he helped to put it out. Seeing some officers take a purse from a pirate, witness went out to see if it were his. He was promptly arrested and from that time to the present had been in custody.

(Case proceeding.)
Yesterday's Hearing.
Re-called at the resumed hearing yesterday afternoon, So Tik-sui, the 8th defendant, detailed how he was searched by pirates and how two of the pirates took a chicken from his basket and gave orders for it to be cooked for their evening meal.

In reply to further questions put by Mr. Lo, witness denied any complicity in the piracy. The 13th defendant, who was discharged by Mr. Lindsell last week, called by Mr. Lo, said that he saw No. 6 in the steerage when two of the pirates took away his gold watch-chain and other articles from his pockets. Mr. Lindsell, addressing the Crown Solicitor, said that he did not feel that any jury would convict the man, the evidence as to his antecedents was unquestionably in his favour and his own story was corroborated by other witnesses.

Mr. Holmes said that he agreed; the man had been held on the identification of Mrs. Anderson who, however, when in the witness box had said that she was uncertain.

His Worship discharged the 6th accused, and adjourned the hearing until this morning.

POLICE SERGEANT'S DEATH.
Lce. Sgt. E. A. Harber, of the Water Police, who was found shot with a service revolver by his side at the Water Police Station on Wednesday morning, succumbed to his injuries last night at the Kowloon Hospital. The funeral will take place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 2 o'clock.

ALIBI PROVED.

Bag Snatching Case Dismissed.

HOLIDAY INCIDENT SEQUEL.

The incident in which little children on their way to a Christmas party were held up by a Chinese in Robinson Road a few days before the holidays, had its sequel in Mr. Schofield's Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when a well-dressed Chinese youth, who surrendered to his bail of \$1,000, was charged with snatching a hand bag from one of the three children.

The case for the prosecution was in the hands of Det. Sgt. Carey, Mr. F. H. Loseby defending in the absence of Mr. C. A. S. Russ who was indisposed.

After briefly outlining the facts of the incident, Sgt. Carey called Miss Shirley Egan de Silva, who said that she was 11 years of age, and lived with her parents at Glenelg Hotel. On December 18 she was walking along Robinson Road with Edna and Kenneth Carroll. They were followed by a man whom witness thought was a coolie. Suddenly the man overtook the three of them and snatched witness' hand bag. Witness turned round and noticed that the man was wearing a blue Chinese suit and black Chinese slippers.

His Worship: Did you see his face?—Only when he was walking up the path. I turned round and noticed him.

His Worship: Have you ever seen him before?—No.

Continuing, witness said that she attended an identification parade and picked out a man whom she was told was not the right man.

In reply to his Worship, witness said that her bag contained a fifty cent Jubilee coin and 30 cents in Hong Kong money.

Cross-examined by Mr. Loseby, witness said that she had lived in Canton prior to coming to Hong Kong in February last.

The next witness called was Edna Carroll who said that she was with the last witness when the incident occurred, but could not remember the date or day of the incident. Witness noticed that the man was wearing blue clothes and that he had his hair brushed back. Witness attended an identification parade a few days later, and picked out the defendant as the man who snatched her friend's bag.

To Sgt. Carey: The men on parade were dressed in blue.

Mr. Loseby: You were going to a Christmas party; where did you meet Shirley?—She came to my home and we went on together.

Mr. Loseby: Were you having a game on the way?—Yes, we were chasing each other.

Mr. Loseby: You weren't spoiling your party frocks? (laughter)—No.

Mr. Loseby: How many people did you pass?—About ten.

Mr. Loseby: You were playing, and you did not notice any one very particularly, did you?—No.

Children and the Oath.

When Kenneth Carroll, aged 8, was called, his Worship said that he thought it was well to dispense with the oath.

Mr. Loseby: I personally prefer not administering the oath when they are so young. I think it is bad for them.

Witness told a similar story to that of his sister and the first witness, but in reply to a question from the Bench, said that the man's suit was made of white material with blue stripes. Witness attended a parade of men who were all dressed alike, and picked out the defendant as the man he had seen on Robinson Road.

His Worship: What were you told when you went to the Police Station?—I was told to see the man who snatched Shirley's bag.

Sgt. Carey gave evidence with regard to the identification parade, and, cross-examined by Mr. Loseby, said that the other men "were brought in from the street, no record was kept of the men who were usually chair coolies.

Mr. Loseby: If you put the defendant, who is a particularly clear man, among chair coolies, he would look rather conspicuous?—Yes, if he was as clean as he is now.

Mr. Loseby: He looks as though he were always clean?—Yes. He was educated at a European school.

To the Magistrate: They were all dressed in Government clothing. It is specially kept for that purpose.

No Case to Answer?

Addressing his Worship, Mr. Loseby said that he could not argue that he had no case to answer, but he would suggest that it was, unquestionably, a very weak case from the prosecution's point of view and, he counsel, did not possibly see how his Worship could rule that it was a case where considerable doubt did not exist.

Continuing, Mr. Loseby said that he would ask for the prisoner's discharge at that stage, but if his Worship held that he might convict

BANK NOTE CASE.

BANK OF ENGLAND AND HONG KONG.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

In the \$500 Bank note Full Court appeal case, Mr. H. S. Fitzroy replied yesterday afternoon to the arguments of Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank who declined to pay out on a mutilated note from which the numbers and date were missing.

Mr. Fitzroy referred to the fact that the cases cited by Mr. Potter in regard to Bank notes concerned Bank of England notes which in England were practically synonymous with the term "bank-note." Mr. Potter, he claimed, was craving all the privileges of the Bank of England without accepting any of its responsibilities. The Bank of England kept a register of every note issued and of every one returned. When Mr. Towns, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, was in the box he was asked if when they issued a note for \$500 at the London office of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank the number of the note was taken. Although Mr. Towns had served at the London office he replied that he did not know, but that there was a record of the first issues of the notes. Apparently, from that time onward, Mr. Fitzroy said, until they were wiped off, no record at all was made. Mr. Towns had told them that it was impossible to examine the numbers every day as was done in the Bank of England. That was a very important difference between the Hong Kong Bank and the Bank of England.

Material Alteration.

Mr. Fitzroy proceeded to quote authorities on material alteration, urging that they all dealt with forgeries and not with notes damaged by accident.

The Chief Justice pointed out that if the commercial use and utility of a note for business purposes was affected, then that was a material alteration.

Mr. Fitzroy: All through the judgments, it refers again and again to the fact that the notes were forgeries.

The Chief Justice remarked that it had been laid down that it was not essential that the alteration should be done with fraudulent intent. He added that he had always understood a bank note to be an ordinary promissory note. That being so, it seems to me, said the Chief Justice, that we have heard the subject discussed very thoroughly and that we are coming down to rather a finer point than was probable at first. That is the meaning of section 64 of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, and the interpretation of the words "where it is materially altered without the consent of all parties." Mr. Potter has put it against you that once you show a material alteration in the course of the case, then the case fails, and I very much doubt whether a judge, trying the case with a jury, would, on a point of law, allow it to go to the jury.

Mr. Fitzroy submitted that the note had not been materially altered, but had merely met with an accident. It had been washed, starched and ironed, and there was never any intention whatever of altering it. For a note to be materially altered, it must first of all be shown that there was an intention to do it. In the case referred to, in which section 64 was dealt with, it was shown, Mr. Fitzroy stated, that the note to be materially altered, must be shown to have had one thing substituted for another.

Their Lordships reserved judgment.

On the evidence already heard, he counsel, was prepared to go on with the case and to prove an alibi.

M. Lechevalier: Do you want an adjournment?

Mr. Loseby: I am prepared to go on now, but I suggest that it is a case that can be dismissed now.

His Worship decided to hear evidence.

An Alibi.

Chung Pook, the defendant's uncle, said that he had been a go-down keeper at the Naval Yard for sixteen years. From his personal knowledge the defendant had been at work at the Naval Yard until 4.45 p.m. on the day of the alleged incident. They had had their meal together and had left together, witness taking a tram car and the defendant proceeding on foot.

After another employee at the Naval Yard had given similar evidence his Worship said: That obviously disposes of the case. The defendant is discharged.

H.K.V.D.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

LATEST PROMOTIONS.

Extracts from this week's orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps (issued to-day) are:—

Artillery in Camp.

The Artillery Company will go into Camp, Tai Lam, this week-end and Jan. 14 to 18.

[Times and details as stated last week.]

Musketry Course.

Musketry Part II will be fired by the Reserve Company at Stonecutters on Sunday.

Engineer Company.

Lights Section, parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday. Field Sections parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Signal Section parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday.

Mounted Infantry Company.

On Monday, parade at Headquarters at 5.30 and 6 p.m.

Armoured Car Company.

On Monday, parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Infantry Company.

Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Tuesday, Jan. 18.



Zizi Lambino, morganatic wife of Prince Carol, of Roumania, is shown in court in Paris, where she filed suit to compel the recognition of her child by Carol. Her lawyers are shown with her.

Scottish Company.

Musketry at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 16.

Range Officer: 2/Lt. A. K. Mackenzie.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be taken as the whole Part II. Course must be fired in drill order, whether over uniform or mufti.

Arms: Must be drawn from Corps Headquarters during the following hours:—Friday, Jan. 14—0 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Rifles.

Many members of the Corps are at present keeping their rifles in their own possession. This practice is contrary to regulations. Those now in possession of rifles must return them without delay.

Promotions and Appointments.

The following promotions and appointments take effect:—

No. 4 platoon:—L/Cpl. J. H. Lawrence to be Corporal; Pte. A. J. Raptis, Pte. C. Hahr and Pte. J. E. Ward to be Lance-Corporals.

Reserve company:—Corpl. J. A. Howe to be Sergeant; Corpl. K. R. Macaskill to be Lance-Sergeant; Corpl. G. H. Sellwood to be Lance-Sergeant.

Transfer.

Cnr. H. S. Rouse, Artillery Co., is permitted to transfer to the Reserve Co.

Leave.

The following are granted leave:—Pte. J. A. Douglas, from Dec. 30, to Jan. 31, Pte. E. Law, Medical Section, from Dec. 30, to Jan. 21.

Resignation.

Pte. C. Bentley, No. 2 Platoon, is permitted to resign.

Struck Off.

Pte. W. J. Stonham, Mounted Infantry Co., having left the Colony is struck off the strength.

Pte. G. H. Haskett (deceased), Reserve Co., is struck off the strength.

"SPARROWS."

MR. GRIMES AND THE ALLIGATORS.

GREAT QUEEN'S FILM.

Mud, children, Mary Pickford, alligators and Mr. Grimes—these are the principal impressions one brings away from "Sparrows," the fascinating feature film now showing at the Queen's Theatre. The mud is the mud of the swamp lands where the scene of the story is laid, mud which can—and does—swallow up a man in its fearful depths. The children are the "orphan" of a truly terrible baby farm, which aids and abets a little kidnapping as a side-line. Mary Pickford is of course Mary Pickford, still as young, still as clever, still as winning as ever—Mary Pickford in one of her greatest triumphs, "Mama Molly," mothering her fellow orphans, romping with them, fighting for them, a living character of the screen. The alligators are real examples of the species, and although they may not be aware of the fact—not having seen "Sparrows" we suppose—they provide the great thrill of the picture; the sort of thrill that positively makes your hair stand on end. Mr. Grimes is—well, Mr. Grimes is another alligator, only more so. This can be said without fear of a libel action because Mr. Grimes was the man who was swallowed up by the swamp, and

even if he hadn't met that fate—too lenient in the minds of many who saw "Sparrows" yesterday—he was wanted by the police. Mr. Grimes was a very, very bad man, so let us leave it that. Other characters in "Sparrows" invite comment—the naughty, bullying son of Mr. Grimes, for example—but lack of space forbids, and there is only room for the final verdict that "Sparrows" is a wonderful film which nobody should miss.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CONCESSIONS.

"To the Editor of the 'China Mail.'"

Sir,—May I ask your favour of allowing me a few lines to refer to "Hotel Wing Reserved" which appeared in allia in your issue of December 26 last, under the heading of "Hankow Meeting" and to draw the attention of the special representative of "Shanghai Sunday Times" to the fact that to indulge in such gratifications as he evidently hoped to derive from pouring malicious ridicule upon Chinese officials is neither noble nor profitable. And indeed, he has rather displayed his ignorance of the real nature of foreign concessions. For it needs hardly to demonstrate that no matter whatever residential areas may have been set apart for the use of foreigners, China has never relinquished her sovereignty over them, and that Chinese people, officials or non-officials, have the perfect right to go and stay there—and, if necessary, to bring their own machines guns with them or to erect their own barricades in the very centre of the areas in question. It is true, foreign machine guns have done wonderful feats in effecting "so many massacres" but if international understandings are ever valid, the operators of these monstrous instruments are not

HANKOW PEACE.

(Continued from page 1.)

4. Abolish all Volunteers and send the gunboats away.

5. Apologise to the Chinese Government.

6. Chinese in British Concession must be allowed to hold mass meetings, make speeches and hold processions.

7. Volunteers and armed police must no longer carry arms or wear uniforms.

8. The Chinese Government must send civil and armed police to the British Concession to maintain peace and order and the headquarters of the garrison should be established there.

Boycott Threat.

Article 2:

1. A big demonstration and parade will be held in the Native City at 2 this afternoon.

2. An economic boycotting committee should be organised.

3. The "boycotting of the British" Committee of the Wuhan Cities should be organised.

4. Telegraph world-wide declaring outlawry of British.

The foregoing ultimatum to be complied with within 72 hours.—Reuter.

Chinese Authorities' Promise.

Rugby, Jan. 6.

The Chinese authorities at Hankow have informed the British officials that they can, and will restore order. Demonstrations, however, have not yet been removed from the Concession.

The British naval forces, which are being strengthened, are remaining on the vessels in the river, to give the Chinese authorities every opportunity of controlling the situation, but they are readily available in case of urgent need.

The British Concession is situated next to the Chinese City, the other foreign concessions lying further along the riverside.—British Wireless Service.

Belgium and British Note.

Brussels, Jan. 6.

The report that the French and Japanese reception of the British Memorandum with regard to China has caused Belgium to revise her attitude is stated in well-informed circles here to be incorrect.

M. Vandervelde, the Foreign Minister, is now closely examining the Memorandum, but nothing has occurred to modify the first favourable impression produced in Belgian official circles by the document.—Reuter.

Decisive Victory.

Shanghai, Jan. 6.

It is reported that Sun Chuanfang has captured Fuyang, twenty miles from Hangchow, which, if true, means that his troops have gained a decisive victory, for Fuyang is one of the chief Southern points of attack on Hangchow.

Reports from Canton indicate that Chang Kai-shek is leaving Wuhan to direct a new attack on Hangchow.

It appears that fighting is continuing in the vicinity of Hangchow.—Reuter.

"FEET OF CLAY."

FINE PICTURE AT THE "STAR."

Touche of comedy and numerous thrills make "Feet of Clay" a very interesting film. "Feet of Clay" is now showing at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon.

Mr. Cecil de Mille, who has a string of screen triumphs to his name, has presented a story that is entertaining in every way.

The three principals, Miss Vera Reynolds, Rod La Rocque and Ricardo Cortez are all well known to local audiences. They fill their respective roles with customary skill.

"Feet of Clay" will be presented again to-day and "fans" should make a point of not missing a fine picture.

entitled at all to exercise seignior over either Chinese or other nations, except their own fellow-countrymen. For it again requires little demonstration to prove that a foreign concession is no more than a tiny human aggregation composed of persons of different foreign nationalities, which has absolutely no territorial sovereignty over the place where they are living, and that the municipality thereof, created by sufferance on the part of China, is only an administrative agency of their own, of whose protection Chinese people are not necessarily in need when entering the concession.

Yours, etc.,

MING CHIN LIANG.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canton, Jan. 2, 1927.

[After what has happened at Hankow, we prefer to offer no comment on the above.—Editor, "China Mail."]

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Thursday, no case of notifiable disease being reported.

The death has occurred at Framwellgate Moor, Durham, of Mr. George Neesham, who 24 years ago broke his back in an accident at a local colliery. Since the accident he had been wheeled about in a chair.

The crew of the burning steamer *Ayrshire* (Scottish Ship Line, Ltd., Glasgow, 9,137 tons) having been taken off by other vessels in the Indian Ocean, the vessel was left in the charge of the British naval sloop "Lupin."

Mr. Michael O'Leary, V.C., who has been unemployed in Canada, arrived at Plymouth from Canada and stated that he was glad to be home again and hopes to be joined in London shortly by his family, who are now in Ireland.

Church Missionary Association Week will be observed at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Sunday. The Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Lindsay) preaches at 11 a.m. and the Rev. W. W. Rogers at 6 p.m.; at both services the lessons will be read by a Chinese Christian worker and the blind girls' choir will sing an anthem. The social hour for Service men and others will be at 7.15 p.m.

Carrying a large number of passengers, a heavy cargo and some belated Christmas mail, the *Dollar* liner "President Grant" arrived in Shanghai last week. The trip west was uneventful from the viewpoint of officers, but for passengers was enlivened by Christmas and holiday parties and dances. A feature of the Christmas celebration was a large, brilliantly-lighted Christmas tree, laden with gifts and favours for passengers.

December 26 was the coldest day Singapore has had for a very long time, the maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at the Kandang Kerbau meteorological station during the whole twenty-four hours being respectively 79.5 and 72.2. The minimum temperature on the Friday of Christmas week was 73 and on the Saturday 72.5. Rain fell almost continuously on Christmas Day, but the volume was not great, only 1.55 inches being recorded.

In addition to their apartments at the "Renown," the Duke and Duchess of York have a sleeping cabin on the ship's bridge for use in hot weather.

The 39th annual meeting of the Hong Kong Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at 12 noon on Jan. 27 at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The share register will be closed from Jan. 14 to Jan. 27 inclusive.



Natacha Rambova, second wife of Rudolph Valentino, claims that she has been in spirit communication with her former husband.

The squash racquets court so often used by the Prince of Wales in former voyages has been moved from the battleship "Repulse" in which it was fitted up for his Empire tour last year—to its old home in the battleship "Renown," in which the Duke and Duchess of York left England yesterday for their visit to Australasia. The walls of the royal cabins are, by the Duchess's wish, to be enamelled white. Blue cretonne window curtains and loose covers of similar material for the furniture will be provided. The cruiser's hull has been painted in a pearl-grey tint which, when in the sunshine, will make her look like a silvership.

The Hong Kong Automobile Association is to hold a dinner dance at 8 p.m. on Jan. 21. Tickets may be had at Messrs. Mountrie's after Jan. 10 when a plan of the seating can be seen.

Last week the Singapore Harbour Board Police made a large seizure of chandu in the wharf area. A car, in which five Chinese were riding, was stopped and searched and about 3,000 tahils of chandu valued at \$12,000 were found.

When the U. S. S. transport "Chaumont" left Shanghai for San Francisco on January 1, she carried 13 passengers, brought to Shanghai from Guam by the transport "Gold Star." The thirteen constitute officers of the U. S. Marines and Navy who have been ordered to America for duty, and their wives and families.

At St. John's Cathedral this Sunday, the Rev. W. W. Rogers will preach at 11 a.m. and the Rev. G. F. Stopford, C.F. at 6 p.m. Collections will be for the Church Missionary Association. A social gathering will be held after evensong, to which a cordial welcome is extended to all Service men and others. There will be music and light refreshments.

Preliminary steps towards forming an Old Girls' Association of the Bellics Public School for Girls were taken at a meeting on Wednesday when some forty to fifty past pupils met in the school building. A further meeting, which will take the form of a social gathering, will be held on February 16. Those desirous of joining the new association should communicate with the secretary, Mrs. A. J. Kew, 333 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

With a large number of foreign passengers aboard going from Shanghai to Tientsin to spend the Christmas holidays there, the "Tingsang," operated by Jardine, Matheson and Co., was icebound at Taku Bar on the Thursday before Christmas. The "Tingsang" reached the Bar on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30, but arrived too late to catch the high tide. While waiting for rising water, a terrific gale came up and the ship was ice-locked. The cold snap forced passengers to seek every available blanket and all warm clothing. The steam heat apparatus was working at full pressure and passengers were made as comfortable as possible.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Many well-known passengers were on board the "P. & O. s.s. 'Morea' which arrived to-day from London via ports. In addition to those mentioned on the page in yesterday's "China Mail," a number of names are given below.

Miss E. R. Mowfong has returned to the Colony by the "Morea" from London.

Mr. Colin, an interpreter, arrived at Hong Kong from Marseilles yesterday, on the "d'Aragnan."

Mr. J. Angwin, a land surveyor of the Public Works Department, returned from leave to-day by the "Morea" from Southampton.

Sub-Inspector E. J. Cotton of the Police is back from long leave, being one of those who disembarked to-day from the "Morea" from London.

Among the passengers who landed at Hong Kong to-day from the "Maiva" were Mr. J. H. Scott and Mr. F. M. Weller (from Kobe) and Mr. C. H. Benson from Shanghai.

Mr. W. Kay, M.A., second master at Queen's College, returned to the Colony to-day from long leave, arriving on the "Morea." He broke his journey at Singapore to spend the Christmas season with a sister who is resident there.

There were a number of Naval officers disembarking here from the "Morea" besides the new Admiral. These include Pay Comdr. K. E. Badcock, Pay Lt. Comdr. Morrissey, Pay Lt. D. S. Wareham, Pay Lt. A. G. Spears, Lt. Comdr. T. Taylor and Lt. Comdr. J. D. Hamilton, who is bound for Shanghai. Other Hong Kong passengers are Captain M. Costello, Captain C. F. Sparrow, Lt. A. N. Waring, Lt. C. R. V. Pugh, Lt. H. R. E. Nicholl, C.P.O. T. O. Mantle, Surgeon Lt. J. Way (from Southampton), C.P.O. B. B. Lewis (from Aden).

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A Reuter cable from Singapore reports that His Lordship the Bishop of London has arrived there. He intends visiting Australia and New Zealand for three months.

The many friends of Div. Insp. Peter Grant will regret to learn that the Home mail brought him news of the death of his father, Mr. John Grant, at Polylwick Braes, Glenlivet, at the age of 83 years.



This, the latest portrait of the Prince of Wales, was exhibited by Douglas Chandler, the British artist.

Sir James Cantile, K.B.E., M.B., C.M., F.R.C.S., of Harley Street, W., founder and first president of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine, and founder of the College of Medicine for Chinese, who died on May 28, aged 75, left estate of the gross value of \$721, with net personality nil.

Mr. G. Howard, vice-president and regional manager of the Far East for the General Motors Export Co., of New York arrived in Singapore from America by the "President Polk."

Bishop Titus Lowe, who has charge of the Methodist Episcopal organisation in Malaya, the Dutch Indies, and Borneo, returned to Singapore by the "President Polk" after several months' absence in the United States.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, between Mr. Harold E. Saker, of Miri, Sarawak, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Saker, London, and Miss Winifred May Plume, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Plume, Sydney, New South Wales.

Prince George is well on his way home now, and he will be back in plenty of time to spend Christmas with the King and Queen at Sandringham said a Home gossip columnist writing in mail week. I was speaking yesterday to a naval officer, who has just returned from the East himself, and he tells me that the family and friends of the Prince will notice a great difference in him when he gets back. He has filled out a good deal and is now a very big man. He is a good boxer and should prove a rival to his brothers in this respect.

A typical Highland welcome was accorded Mr. Stanley Bruce, the Australian Prime Minister, when he arrived at Gleneagles Station from Glasgow to spend the weekend at Gleneagles Hotel. Mr. Bruce, who was accompanied by his wife and a number of overseas officials appeared surprised to find a fully equipped pipe band on the platform. On his appearance he was greeted with the strains of "Highland Laddie." His surprise was followed by undoubted pleasure when he learned that the performers were country-women of his own; members of the Australian Ladies' Pipe Band, who were fulfilling a concert engagement at Auchtermadar, the evening. Mr. Bruce, on alighting from the train, replied to the welcome by giving an Australian "coo-ee."

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Gene Tunney will defend his title at the Yankee Stadium, New York, next September for a sum of approximately \$75,000.
Details were arranged here last evening at a conference between Tunney and Mr. Tex Rickard, the



Gene Tunney.

promoter, and a contract will probably be signed at luncheon today.—Reuter's American Service.

Tunney recently defeated Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight box-



Tex Rickard.

ing championship of the world. It is noteworthy that the name of his next opponent is not mentioned in the cable.

KISS IN RING.

FRENCH BOXERS MEET GERMANS.

The unusual sight of Frenchmen and Germans fighting one another and then kissing one another was seen at the Cirque de Paris when the first Franco-German boxing show held since the war was staged before several thousand spectators. The crowd cheered on the German boxers with wild shouts of "Go on, Fritz! kill him, kill him!"

Too much "kiss in the ring" was disapproved, however, when the French heavy-weight Barriek was given the decision over the German Rosemann, whom the referee disqualified for hitting low. Instead of applauding, the crowd howled for its money back, alleging that the Frenchman had lain down to the German and booing the referee.

Frenchmen won four of the five events.

ANNUAL RACES.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club annual (four days) race meeting is to be held a few weeks hence.
Entries close to Mr. C. B. Brown, the secretary, c/o Messrs. Linstead & Davis, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Competing in the Veterans' Golf Competition at Royal Mid-Surrey, Mr. Edward Blackwell was successful, with a score of 74.

SOCCER NOTES.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES & TIMES.

IN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

For one reason and another, some of the fixtures down for decision to-morrow in the Hong Kong Football League will not be played. The full list with times for kick-off and grounds is given below. Further information about the annual Service match will be found elsewhere on this page.

SERVICE MATCH.

The Army v. Royal Navy, Sookumpoo "A" ground, 4 p.m.

THE LEAGUE.

Division I.
Kowloon F.C. v. Police R.C., Kowloon, 4 p.m.

Div. II, Section "A".
South China Reserves v. Scottish Borderers' Reserves, Sookumpoo Joseph's College, Sookumpoo "B", 2.30 p.m.

Royal Artillery Reserves v. St. Joseph's College, 2.30 p.m.

Chinese Athletic "A" v. Club de Recreo Reserves, South China ground, 2.30 p.m.

Chinese Athletic "B" v. University, St. Joseph's ground, 2.30 p.m.

Div. II, Section "B".
Bank Portuguese v. Moslem Club, Sookumpoo "B", 4 p.m.

St. Joseph's College Reserves v. Chinese Athletic "B", St. Joseph's ground, 4 p.m.

South China "B" v. South China Boy Scouts, South China ground, 4 p.m.

"Kowloon" B" v. Chinese Athletic "A", Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

Fleet movements have prevented the Royal Navy from turning out the best eleven that can represent the China Squadron. There are several fine footballers on H.M.S. "Vindictive," including some brilliant forwards but this ship is away.

Under the circumstances, the sympathy of the crowd may be with the Navy. Last year the Army had the pick of the 2nd Bath, East Surrey Regt. to pick from, including their forwards and halves as a nucleus.

Not even the most staunch supporter of the soldiers will argue that the forward line chosen for to-morrow is as good as that of a year ago but there are useful soccerites in the team, even though Leach of the R.A. cannot play.

As the opposing teams, therefore, are not "so well known" to each other, a fine game should be seen. And this is the point that really matters. It is not so much the joy of winning that will count, but the hope that a big sum will be obtained for well-deserving Service charities. Possibly, the Army ought to get the spoils.

Kowloon's Prospects.
Kowloon 1st XI, holders of the senior championship and the senior shield, play in the only division I league match to-morrow, their opponents being the Police.

Kowloon will have the advantage of being before their own stand but they will be fielding reserves in place of Durand (goal), Caville (left back) and Sims (pivot) who are in the exhibition game at Sookumpoo. Will the Police be able to follow the example of another lowly-placed Club (South China) in

lowering Kowloon's colours. They have a chance as Kowloon are not doing too well this season. Kowloon ought to win and they will do so if they have come to the turn in the long lane of reverses.

Borderers in Lead.
There are four matches in each of the two sections of division II. Even if the Borderers' Reserves lose in section "A" they will still retain the leadership but they will be too strong for South China and look as if they will keep their unbeaten record.

There will be a very keen match between St. Joseph's and the R.A. Reserves, with a duel between the College forwards and the Gunners' defence. A draw seems the most logical prediction.

Chinese Athletic "A" will be on their mettle to reverse a previous verdict when they lost to Recreo Reserves and the chances of the former are good.

University are behind with their fixtures and their match with Athletic "B" should cause no qualms.

St. Joseph's Reserves and the Moslems are having a splendid race for the section "B" championship. The College 2nd XI will add two points at the expense of Athletic "B" and, incidentally, keep their "no defeat" record intact.

Moslems will not have such an easy passage against the Hong Kong Bank Portuguese but they are favourites for this match.

The Boy Scouts ought to win from South Chinese Athletic "A" are better on form than Kowloon "B".

The league table to date is given also on this page.

Division I.

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Club de Recreo 9 7 2 0 27 11 16

Hong Kong F.C. 9 6 1 2 13 8 13

Chinese Athletic "A" 11 4 5 2 19 19 13

Scottish Borderers 10 5 1 4 15 12 11

Royal Artillery 10 5 1 4 16 15 11

Kowloon F.C. 10 4 2 4 19 12 10

H.M.S. "Tamar" 9 1 3 5 13 19 5

Police R.C. 8 1 2 6 17 4 4

South China A.A. 10 1 1 8 5 20 3

Division II "A".

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Borderers' Reserves 9 8 1 0 40 10 17

Chinese Athletic "A" 10 6 1 3 23 18 13

St. Joseph's College 10 5 1 4 25 13 11

Recreo Reserves 10 4 3 3 23 17 11

Kowloon Reserves 8 4 2 2 16 9 10

R.A. Reserves 8 5 0 3 15 10 10

H.K.F.C. Reserves 10 4 2 4 14 23 10

University 6 8 0 3 10 12 6

South China Reserves 9 1 0 8 6 30 2

Chinese Athletic "B" 10 0 0 10 6 39 0

Division II "B".

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Moslem Club 10 9 0 1 28 5 18

St. Joseph's Reserves 10 8 2 0 38 12 18

Chinese Athletic "A" 11 6 3 2 15 12 15

South China Boy Scouts 10 4 1 5 17 24 9

Bank Portuguese 11 4 1 6 13 25 9

Chinese Athletic "B" 11 3 0 8 16 19 6

South China "B" 9 2 0 7 14 25 4

Kowloon F.C. "B" 10 1 1 8 11 29 3

SERVICE FOOTBALL.

TEAMS FOR ANNUAL CHARITY MATCH.

Teams have been selected for the annual Army v. Royal Navy charity football match at Sookumpoo on Saturday, as follows:—

Royal Navy.
A. C. I. Avery (H.M.S. Tamar); Cook Hill (Despatch), L. S. Baker (Titania); L. Sig. Barrington (Despatch), P. R. Hulbert (Hawkins); captain, A. B. Voller (Hawkins); A. B. Barkham (Titania); A. B. Nash (Hawkins); St. Northey (Ambrose); L. S. A. King (Tamar); A. B. Wheeler (Hermes); Reserves: P. O. Balcomb (Titania), St. O. Yelland (Herald).

The Army.
Sigm. Durand (R.C. of S.); L. Br. Trim (R.A.), Sgt. Caville (R. A. P. C.); P. Gardner (K.O.S.B.), Sgt. Barham (K.O.S.B.); L. Br. Vicars (R.A.); Br. (Art.) Ward (R.A.), Br. Palford (R.A.), S. Sgt. Sims (R.A.M.C.), Sgt. Glinchey (K.O.S.B.), Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.) captain; Reserves: Pte. Tierpan (R.A.M.C.), Gr. Hearle (R. A.).

Referee: L. S. A. Atkinson (H.M.S. Tamar). Linesmen: Sgt. Fernyough (R. M.), S. Sgt. Gilbert (R.A.O.C.).

H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard (G.O.C.) is to kick-off at 4 p.m. The teams will be presented to H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) before the commencement.

From 3.30 to 4 p.m., the Royal Marine Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the Pipe Band of the 2nd Bath, King's Own Scottish Borderers, will play on the ground. Pipe-Major W. C. K. Mackie and his pipers will dance Scottish dances during half-time.

Admission to the covered stand is £1 and to the open stand 50 cents. Tickets may be obtained from:—

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lowering Kowloon's colours. They have a chance as Kowloon are not doing too well this season. Kowloon ought to win and they will do so if they have come to the turn in the long lane of reverses.

Borderers in Lead.
There are four matches in each of the two sections of division II. Even if the Borderers' Reserves lose in section "A" they will still retain the leadership but they will be too strong for South China and look as if they will keep their unbeaten record.

There will be a very keen match between St. Joseph's and the R.A. Reserves, with a duel between the College forwards and the Gunners' defence. A draw seems the most logical prediction.

Chinese Athletic "A" will be on their mettle to reverse a previous verdict when they lost to Recreo Reserves and the chances of the former are good.

University are behind with their fixtures and their match with Athletic "B" should cause no qualms.

St. Joseph's Reserves and the Moslems are having a splendid race for the section "B" championship. The College 2nd XI will add two points at the expense of Athletic "B" and, incidentally, keep their "no defeat" record intact.

Moslems will not have such an easy passage against the Hong Kong Bank Portuguese but they are favourites for this match.

The Boy Scouts ought to win from South Chinese Athletic "A" are better on form than Kowloon "B".

The league table to date is given also on this page.

Division I.

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Club de Recreo 9 7 2 0 27 11 16

Hong Kong F.C. 9 6 1 2 13 8 13

Chinese Athletic "A" 11 4 5 2 19 19 13

Scottish Borderers 10 5 1 4 15 12 11

Royal Artillery 10 5 1 4 16 15 11

Kowloon F.C. 10 4 2 4 19 12 10

H.M.S. "Tamar" 9 1 3 5 13 19 5

Police R.C. 8 1 2 6 17 4 4

South China A.A. 10 1 1 8 5 20 3

Division II "A".

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Borderers' Reserves 9 8 1 0 40 10 17

Chinese Athletic "A" 10 6 1 3 23 18 13

St. Joseph's College 10 5 1 4 25 13 11

Recreo Reserves 10 4 3 3 23 17 11

Kowloon Reserves 8 4 2 2 16 9 10

R.A. Reserves 8 5 0 3 15 10 10

H.K.F.C. Reserves 10 4 2 4 14 23 10

University 6 8 0 3 10 12 6

South China Reserves 9 1 0 8 6 30 2

Chinese Athletic "B" 10 0 0 10 6 39 0

Division II "B".

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Moslem Club 10 9 0 1 28 5 18

St. Joseph's Reserves 10 8 2 0 38 12 18

Chinese Athletic "A" 11 6 3 2 15 12 15

South China Boy Scouts 10 4 1 5 17 24 9

Bank Portuguese 11 4 1 6 13 25 9

Chinese Athletic "B" 11 3 0 8 16 19 6

South China "B" 9 2 0 7 14 25 4

Kowloon F.C. "B" 10 1 1 8 11 29 3

MID-WEEK CRICKET.

H.M.S. "TAMAR" SURPRISE KOWLOON.

In their regular mid-week match, Kowloon C.C. were surprised by H.M.S. "Tamar" who won by 32 runs. Scores:—

"Tamar" 103 runs. (Pay-Lt. Comdr. Shaw 33, Sub-Lt. Lampen 13, Lt. Abel-Smith 22, S. A. Murphy 11, J. C. Lyal 2 for 13, A. H. Browne 1 for 37, N. H. Ross 1 for 22, J. Hirst 4 for 12, D. Kelly 2 for 13).

Kowloon (batted one man short) 71 runs. (Lyal 17, Hirst 12, C. P. O. Wtr. Bensley 4 for 18, Pay Comdr. Coomber 2 for 34, Ldg. St. Womack 1 for 8).

To-morrow's Teams.

A number of teams have been announced for to-morrow's cricket fixtures, as follows:—

H.K.C.C. 1st XI, league (away) v. Kowloon—H. R. B. Hancock (captain), T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. C. I. Bowker, G. R. Vallack, J. R. Hinton, G. F. Gardner, Major L. J. Lightfoot, H. V. Parker.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI, league (home) v. K.C.C. 2nd XI—P. Jacka, J. C. Dunbar, R. W. Lee, A. K. Mackenzie, D. E. G. Nicholson, F. H. Orr, H. E. Standage, H. J. V. R. Stevenson, J. H. Summers, F. Sutton, C. D. Wales.

Indian R.C. 2nd XI, league (home) v. Royal Navy 2nd XI—J. S. Ackbar (captain), S. A. R. Ismail, A. S. Sufian, A. S. Ismail, D. Mohamed, I. Hassan, A. Rahman, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, S. A. Hussain, V. T. Mans.

Craigengower C.C. 1st XI, league (home) v. University—T. Grimes (captain), B. W. Bradbury, U. M. Omar, D. Rumjahn, A. Kitchell, S. Abbas, Y. Abbas, O. Ismail, J. W. Leonard, A. B. Hanson, F. Zimmer.

Craigengower 2nd XI, friendly (away) v. Club de Recreo 2nd XI—W. Musket (captain), H. Lim, J. Cassimboy, F. K. Mod, W. K. Way, F. Schneppel, E. Hanson, A. E. Phillips, G. Hyder, W. Hall, R. F. Luz.

Civil Service C.C. "A", league (home) v. Club de Recreo—J. H. B. Nhill (captain), H. F. Harper, H. F. Westlake, R. R. Davies, R. G. Robertson, W. F. J. Gorvin, H. E. Strange, R. S. W. Paterson, C. Sara, R. C. Witchell, P. O'Neill.

Indian R.C. friendly (home) v. Volunteers on Sunday at 2 p.m.—S. A. Ismail (captain), S. H. Ismail, S. A. R. Ismail, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, J. S. A. Curreen, J. S. Ackbar, F. M. el Arculli, A. H. Rumjahn, Y. A. Wahab and V. T. Mans.

PASHA'S GOLF COURSE.

The three sons of the Sultan of Morocco, whose marriages at Marrakesh provided a magnificent Oriental spectacle recently, have become ardent motorcyclists. They are to be seen daily in the vicinity of Marrakesh riding the motor-cycles given them as wedding presents.

El Glaoui, the Pasha of Marrakesh, whose daughter became the bride of the eldest son, has had an 18-holes golf course laid out and has sent for a golf professional from Europe to teach him.

TILDEN'S QUEST.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.

William T. Tilden began his fight to re-capture the national singles lawn tennis title which he had held from 1919 until this year when he defeated Manuel Alonso, the famous Spanish Davis Cup player, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4. The matches were the finals in the Pennsylvania Athletic Club indoor tournament.

Paired with Wilbur Coen of Kansas City, he won from Alonso and Gene Dixon by default after four hard-fought sets in the doubles.—China Press.

COOLER.

The official weather forecast for all local districts until noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine, cooler.

At 11.20 this morning, the Observatory reported as follows:—

Pressure has decreased considerably from S.W. Japan to S. Manchuria, moderately over central and N.E. Japan and slightly from Indo-China to the Fels Islands. It has increased moderately at Shanghai.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer 29.91; temperature 80; humidity 90; weather overcast and foggy.

SERVICE RESUMED.

N.Y.K. LIVERPOOL FREIGHT SHIPS.

For some time past the N.Y.K. Liverpool liners (freight service) suspended calling at Hong Kong owing to the recent interruption of traffic with Canton, but they will resume calling here, commencing with s.s. "Tajima Maru" sailing hence on or about February 4, 1927. The service is a monthly one and the calling ports in Europe are—Genoa, Marseilles, and Liverpool, sometimes Glasgow.

THE GREAT FLOOD.

WATER SUBSIDING AT KUALA LUMPUR.

Ipoh, Dec. 29.

The floods continued unabated here this morning.

The highest level was reached on Monday night.

For the third day business has been at a standstill.

In spite of the continual rain signs were observed at 10 a.m. to-day that the highest level has been reached.

Last night's mail train from Penang arrived this morning three hours late, but there was no communication between Ipoh and Tanjong Malim by rail or road to-day.

The Bidor-Telok-Anson Road is breached and is under three feet of water, which is overflowing for a wide stretch.

Yesterday at Kuala Kangsar the flood reached the highest level since 1897.

CHITS AT HOME.

PROPOSAL FOR USE IN CLUBS.

A correspondent to "Truth" writes:—

The old question whether London clubs should allow credit and adopt the "chit" system used in clubs in India and the East has lately been revived in one or two papers.

The "chit" system has undoubtedly advantages, but, from the club secretary's point of view, is a nuisance because it involves

DEATH OF MR. W. ROSE.

The "China Mail" records with regret the death of an old resident in Mr. W. ("Willie") Rose, the brother of Mr. L. A. Rose, the architect.

The late Mr. Rose was well past middle age and had a large circle of friends in the Colony.

He was a member of the Craigengower Cricket Club and formerly played for the 2nd and 1st XI's at cricket.

The funeral takes place this afternoon.

a great deal of extra clerical work. It has other great disadvantages, for it undoubtedly encourages extravagance and a good deal of quite unnecessary drinking.

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AUTHOR'S LUCK.

PLAY THAT WENT BEGGING.

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"The Ghost Train" has achieved a year's run in London. The author of the play is Mr. Arnold Ridley, who is engaged in a boot and shoe business in Bath. He wrote "The Ghost Train" about two years ago, and it was tried on tour for eight weeks and then given up as a failure. But Mr. Ridley persevered. At his own expense he gave three private performances in London to two leading managers, neither of whom, however, was satisfied with it.

In the end its chance came through the quick failure of "The Silver Fox," which ran for only a fortnight at a West End theatre. The syndicate which had put on "The Silver Fox" was at a loss for a fresh play, and Mr. Harry Cohen, the head of it, agreed to consider "The Ghost Train" despite its previous career.

It now plays to about \$1,600 a week in London, is being toured in the provinces by four companies, has been produced in the United States and on the Continent, and a company is shortly going to Australia with it.

It is a bad week for the author when his royalties from it do not amount to well over \$100.

GREAT SINGER.

KIEPURA TAKES BERLIN BY STORM.

"NEW CARUSO'S" ADVENT.

The advent of "the new Caruso" has been heralded for some months past in Berlin. Since a young man of twenty-two or so, Jan Klepura by name, of Polish birth and peasant family, astonished the Viennese by his magnificent tenor voice, his name has been carefully watched. In mail week Jan Klepura sang for two evenings at Berlin's municipal opera house. It seems very clear, now that the calm appraisal of the critics and the enthusiastic audience have come to the same conclusion, that the women of the world will shortly have a new idol.

One of Germany's leading musical critics known for the soundness and severity of his judgment, Dr. Adolf Weissmann, describes the voice as of "a phenomenal tenor, scarcely comparable to any other in strength and brilliancy" with the reserve that as yet it is "not sufficiently modulated and needs further training." This perfect voice is allied to an athletic and stalwart frame of youthful appearance rare on the operatic stage, pleasing manners, according to all accounts, and a



An exquisite tapestry, thirteen years in the making, which was the gift of the Belgium people to Crown Prince Leopold and his bride, Princess Astrid of Sweden. Mlle. Dubois, the maker, is one of the most famous weavers of Belgium, and her first success came in 1905 when she embroidered a screen, the wedding present of the present King and Queen. The Great War interrupted her work on the tapestry. The Germans offered her huge sums for her work and even an offer of funds to establish a school. The tapestry has been paid for by popular subscription.

DAME CLARA BUTTS' PROTEGE.

Dame Clara Butt has adopted as her musical protegee Stanley Ayres, aged 10, the son of a London delivery carman, for whom she has arranged to provide a musical education.

She made the announcement at her Hampstead house, when she presented the boy to a distinguished audience. He gave a demonstration of his ability as a pianist, playing Haydn, Chopin, and Holbrooke.

Dame Clara said he was one of the musically talented children of poor parents discovered by the Leyniskaya Musical Scholarship Association.

"As soon as my attention was drawn to him, I realised that he was an exceptionally gifted boy," said Dame Clara.

"He has great talent and the temperament of the artist. I am therefore granting him a scholarship under the Leyniskaya Association for Poor Children. I firmly believe he has the making of a brilliant British pianist."

"Cautious Campbell," the play at the "Q" Theatre, Kew Bridge, W., has been acquired by Mr. Robert Courtneidge for West End production.

quite boyish smile and general zest in life.

Hardened critics, full of reserve during the first evening's "Rigoletto," succumbed to the spell of "Tosca," and though still full of warning as to the need for study, unite in prophesying for the golden voice of Klepura a golden future.

MR. D. W. GRIFFITH.

Mr. D. W. Griffith has severed his connection with the Famous Players Corporation of America after making only two pictures for them, the first of which, "The Royle Girl," was an extremely poor effort. The second, "The Sorrows of Satan," has not yet been seen in England.

Certain discussions have taken place recently between Mr. J. D. Williams, of British National Pictures, the new English film-producing concern, and Mr. Griffith with a view to ascertaining whether it might be possible for Mr. Griffith to come over and make a film in the firm's new studios at Elstree, in Hertfordshire. No decision has been reached on the subject.

Mr. Williams has also tried to persuade Mr. Charlie Chaplin to make his next picture in England.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

One of the special features of the broadcasting programme for Christmas week was an 'American relay.'

On the motion of Lord Darling in the House of Lords a second reading was given to the Solicitors Bill, under which no solicitor would in connection with his practice employ for remuneration a person who had been struck off the roll unless he did so with the written permission of the Law Society.

Sir W. Johnson-Hicks, replying to criticism of the suppression of meetings, contended that he had not acted arbitrarily in the carrying out of the Emergency Regulations. In banning certain Communist meetings, he had acted in the interests not merely of the country, but of the Labour party as a whole.

Alarm, not unnatural but certainly unwarranted, has been aroused in certain Balkan capitals by the recent Odessa interview. It was in vain, writes the 'Daily Telegraph's' Diplomatic Correspondent, that M. Chicherin sought to extract from the Turkish Foreign Minister any definite pledge of a closer alliance and military co-operation than that embodied in the existing Turco-Soviet treaties.

'Death by misadventure, caused by gas escaping from a defective rubber tube' was the verdict recorded at the inquest into the deaths of two women in a gas-filled room at Golders Green. The evidence showed that a portable heating stove in the room was connected with the gas supply by a rubber tube, which was disconnected and broken near the top.

Provided that the cost of the land campaign, the Land and Nation League, and the Industrial Inquiry is made a first charge, Mr. Lloyd George, Parliamentary Correspondent understands has agreed to the income from his fund being placed at the disposal of the Liberal party. If the annual expenditure cannot be met by this money and the Million Fund, the agreed balance is to be drawn from the capital of Mr. Lloyd George's fund.

Discussing the Ecclesiastical Commissioners' decision to permit Sunday games on lands under their control, the Church Assembly adopted, with a few dissentients, a resolution deploring any action which would strengthen secularising tendencies. As Sunday games had come to stay, the Dean of Exeter said, he was in favour of the Church guiding the movement rather than opposing it. Unless the secularising habit could be arrested and turned back, the Bishop of Durham argued, the working system of the Church would be stricken with paralysis.

Without dividing, the House of Lords gave a second reading to the Electricity (Supply) Bill. By 104 votes to 28 their lordships rejected an amendment by Lord Carson to refer the bill to a Select Committee.

A second reading was given to the University of London Bill, which modifies the present constitution of the Senate, so as to give representation to the constituent schools of the university, and establishes a new Council to deal with the question of finance. Lord

Heavy penalties for procuring in food stuffs and other necessities are proposed in a bill which the French Government has prepared. Persons who destroy food or allow it to perish as a means of preventing a reduction in prices are also to be severely punished.

Addressing the Church Assembly, Lord Hugh Cecil, M.P., protested against the clergy speaking from the pulpit about political, industrial, and international questions.



Miss Audrey Emery, of New York, is shown with Grand Duke Dimitri, of Russia, to whom she was married in Paris. Dimitri, of course, is more of a grand duke in Paris than he is in Soviet Russia.

Eustace Percy (President, Board of Education) said that the bill would make the University of London in a very real sense an Imperial University—a position which it must increasingly occupy. Oxford and Cambridge could not satisfy the growing demand for university education in this country from all the Dominions, and the University of London was clearly marked out as the university that could. Dr. Graham Little, who moved the rejection of the measure, referred to it as an attempt to wreck the independence of the schools, the independence of the university and the independence of the students.

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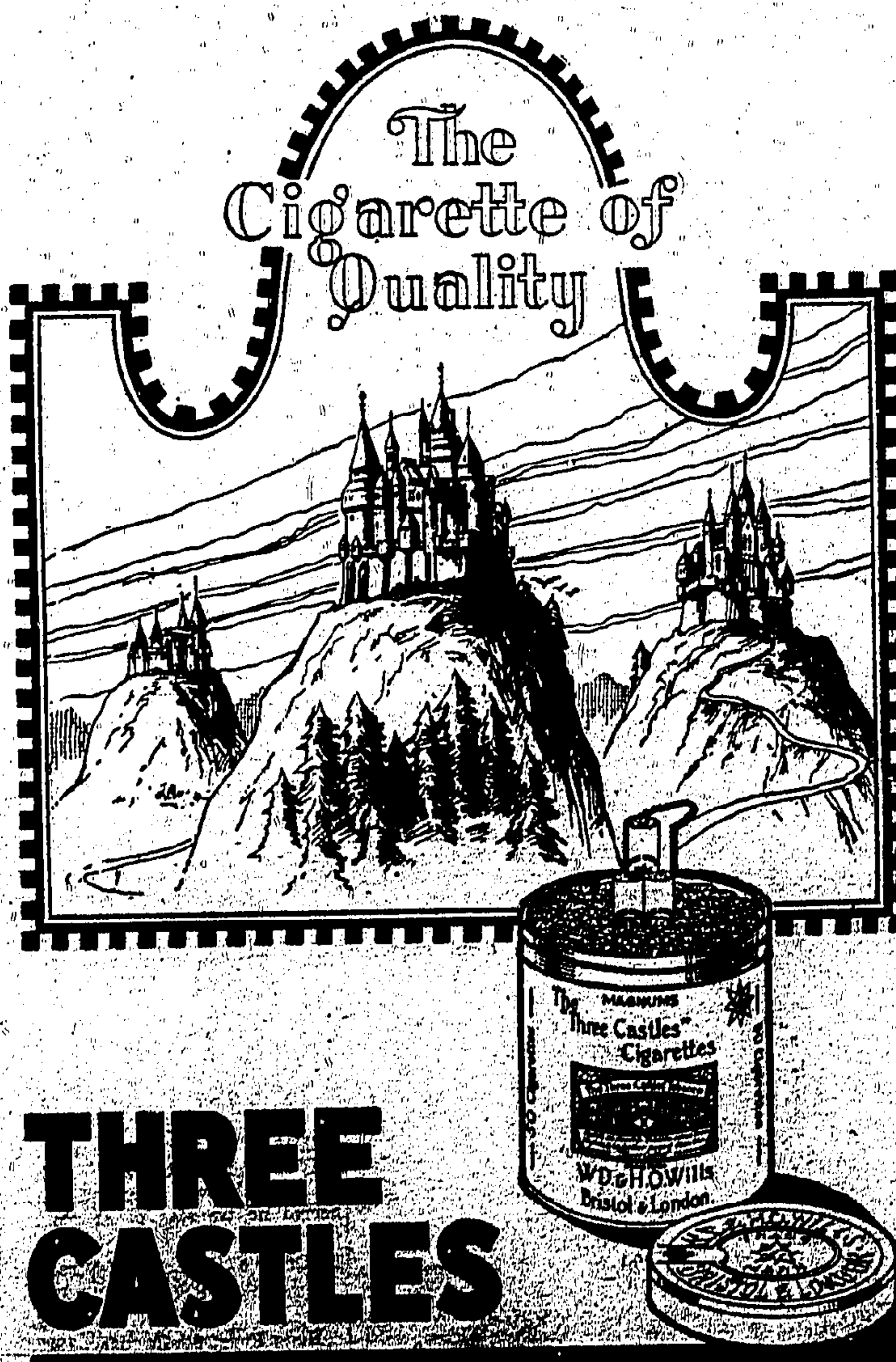
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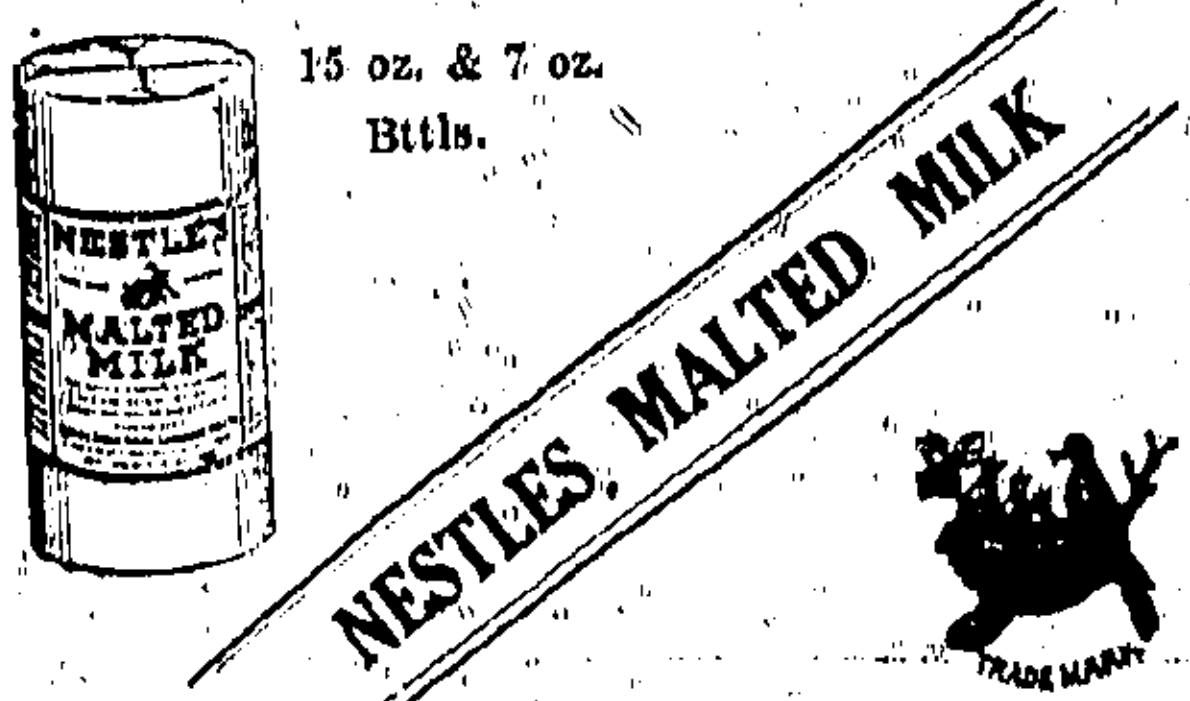
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"AENEAS" 11th Jan. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
"AGAPENOR" 25th Jan. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
"HARPEDON" 9th Feb. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
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Empress of Asia, President Cleveland, Van Overstraten, Mores, Sulyang, Sarpedon, D'Artagnan, Shantung, Malacca Maru, Haining, Demodocus, Macassar Maru.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
Shanghai	SATURDAY, JANUARY 8. Shantung
Australia and Manila	SUNDAY, JANUARY 9. Taipeing
Shanghai	MONDAY, JANUARY 10. Lianan
Manila & Europe via Siberia	Tuesday, JANUARY 11. Tairitz
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	THURSDAY, JANUARY 13. Tairitz
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Russia
Straits	TUESDAY, JANUARY 10. Fookseing
Shanghai	ANGERS

OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7.
Samsat and Wuchow Kwong Poon 4.30 p.m.
Formosa Demodocus 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 4th Feb. 1927.
Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (8th Jan) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9.
Shanghai 9.30 a.m.
Haliphong 10.30 p.m.
Straits 2 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Amoy 5 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 8.30 a.m.
Swatow 9 a.m.
Straits 6.30 a.m.
Manila & Europe via Germany via Hamburg 2.30 p.m.
Amoy 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookseing Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 4th Feb. 1927. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12.
Samsat and Wuchow 4.30 p.m.
Formosa 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 4th Feb. 1927. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookseing Noon
Haliphong 5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

SILVER JUBILEE.

Local Chinese Priests Honoured.

ENJOYABLE RECEPTION.

The reception organised by the Chinese Catholic community of Hong Kong in honour of the jubilee of the Rev. Frs. Situ and Chan, which was held in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenelg, last night, was an unqualified success.

In one corner of the grounds, which were brilliantly illuminated, a large stage had been erected, and nearly two thousand chairs were set out in front of this and along the south terrace.

His Lordship the Bishop (Rt. Rev. Henry Valtorta) accompanied by the Rev. Frs. Situ and Chan, Mr. Leung Tuen-sung (President of the function) and Mr. J. S. Shak (Principal of Sacred Heart College) arrived shortly after 7.30, a burst of crackers greeting the arrival of the honoured guests. The Rev. Fr. Lam had been unable to reach Hong Kong in time having been compelled to postpone his departure on account of the prevalence of bandits.

Presentations.

Addressing the assembly, Mr. Leung said that Roman Catholicism had been spread far and wide in the interests of all people. The Revs. Situ and Chan were clever and learned men, well able to guide the people of China. Their virtue had been appreciated by both foreigners and Chinese alike, and although they had each worked in a different place, they converted the people in the same way. It was, indeed, a great pleasure for him to preside over this jubilee celebration and he would ask Frs. Situ and Chan each to accept a congratulatory address together with a silver chalice and put it as a token of the regard in which they were held by the Chinese Catholic community of Hong Kong. A similar gift would be forwarded to Fr. Lam.

The Rev. Frs. Situ and Chan briefly responded in Chinese.

The Bishop's Appeal.

Monsgr. Valtorta, who was received with long applause, said that he greatly rejoiced in seeing such a huge attendance, his only regret being the unavoidable absence of Fr. Lam.

"It is good," continued his Lordship, "to do honour to these priests. Their work is, indeed, worthy of honour. I have been here 19 years and have worked with all three of them, and I know that they have never feared pain or hard work when the need of the people was known to them."

"I only regret that only three are celebrating their jubilee to-night. I only wish there were 300 or 3,000 for we want many more priests and bishops. To-day we have only six Chinese bishops and 1,000 priests, and these are not enough. We must pray that some day we shall have 60 bishops and 10,000 priests." (Applause).

"The six Chinese bishops will be here again in March (Applause). I am glad that you approve my words, but I ask you to do more. Give me your children. If you have any child with a vocation, give him to me. We want many Chinese children for priests and bishops. The Catholic religion is not a religion of one country; it is the religion of God. A day may come when we have Chinese bishops everywhere and China, in fact, a great Christian country. When China is a great Christian country she will be a great and happy and a peaceful country." (Applause).

The Entertainment.

The large assembly then settled down to a really capital entertainment, of which the organisers have just cause to be proud.

The first part consisted of a number of items including exhibitions of Chinese wrestling, fencing, javelin throwing etc. and some Chinese music rendered by a most capable quintette.

A Chinese play which followed proved most popular. Dealing with the trials and troubles of Christians in the interior of China, it unfolded a story both human and humorous, for whilst one followed with sympathy the trials of the

U.S. NAVY.

LEGISLATOR AND PRESIDENT DIFFER.

"HE IS WRONG NOW."

Washington, Jan. 6.

Presumably as the result of the "big Navy" talk lately noticeable in certain sections of Congress, President Coolidge to-day issued a warning that the Budget estimates for the coming fiscal year must not be exceeded.

The President, in a letter addressed to Mr. French, a member of the House of Representatives, who is in charge of the Naval Supply Bill, declared that the Budget represented his best judgment and he felt it to be his duty to defend and support it.

Accepting the warning as a challenge, Mr. Britten, a member of the House of Representatives Naval Committee, who advocates a strong navy, told the House to-day that "when the President is wrong I refuse to follow him. He is wrong now. I know more about the navy than the President does. The time to appropriate funds for these cruisers is now."

Easy to "Lick."

Mr. Britten then repeated the statement made earlier in the day by Rear Admiral Bloch, Chief of Ordnance of the Navy Department, that the United States fleet now included 2,206 units, some of which dated before the time of the Battle of Manila. "One modern ship," the Admiral had said, "could lick the whole bunch of them."

The House of Representatives considered the Bill sectionally, approving several clauses, including that for the maintenance of the navy personnel at its existing strength. Consideration of the more controversial provisions has been postponed. President Coolidge later explained that his object in writing to Mr. French was to correct any impression that he had changed his attitude on the naval appropriation since writing his budget message to Congress. — Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH AVIATION.

ANOTHER CAPE-CAIRO FLIGHT.

Rugby, Jan. 6.

Arrangements are afoot for a flight by four Royal Air Force aeroplanes from Cairo to the Cape in March.

Air Commodore Samson will be in command, and will pilot one of the aeroplanes.

The aircraft engaged in the South African Air Force flight from the Cape will meet the Cairo machines at Kisumu, Kenya, and accompany them back to the Cape.—British Wireless Service.

father (Mr. Anthony Shak) who could but smile at the humour of the mother (Mr. Au Yeung-cheung)? Perhaps, however, the most clever piece of acting was that of Mr. Chan Kwok-cheun as the priest. Mr. Chan has certainly studied the movement of the average Father very closely, and the very few occasions when he was inclined to exaggerate, only succeeded in bringing roars of laughter from the very distinguished company of ecclesiastics who comprised the forefront of the audience.

The remainder of the cast were in every way excellent, whilst the Man Sing Brass Band rendered appropriate music.

In thanking his Lordship and the other foreign and Chinese visitors for their presence at the function, Mr. Leung said that it was hoped that similar functions would be held from time to time, as meetings such as that just concluded would do much to cement the ties that already bind the Catholic community of Hong Kong together (prolonged cheers).

The National Anthem brought the "al fresco" programme to a close, many visitors, however, adjourning to the Catholic Club for coffee and refreshments.

MORE NAVY SHIPS.

AMERICA'S NEW NICARAGUA MOVE.

FURTHER LANDING LIKELY.

Washington, Jan. 6.

The Navy Department announces that reinforcements consisting of two cruisers, three destroyers, one submarine and one tender, with 400 marines, are being despatched to Nicaragua in order to enable Admiral Latimer thoroughly to protect American lives and property there.—Reuter's American Service.

Socialist Protest.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 6. Protests against American policy in Nicaragua were voiced at a meeting last night of the student organisation known as the anti-Imperialist League.

Several socialist deputies addressed the gathering.—Reuter's American Service.

Earlier Cables.

New York, Jan. 6. A Correspondent of the Associated Press, at Managua learns that the State Department has granted President Diaz a permit to purchase 1,000 rifles and 160 machine guns and several million rounds of ammunition in the United States.

Washington Jan. 6. Following a meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee the chairman, Mr. Borah, stated that military intervention in Managua did not involve an alleged violation of the Monroe doctrine because no non-American Government was participating. It is expected that Mr. Kellogg will shortly be questioned by the Committee on the Nicaraguan situation.—Reuter's American Service.

\$20,000 FIRE.

New York, Jan. 6.

Fire destroyed three two-storey wooden barracks and a workshop at the military prison on Governor's Island. The damage is estimated at over \$20,000.—Reuter's American Service.

KING FEEDS POOR.

London, Dec. 27.

King George, for the eighteenth year in succession, provided money for the feast of nine hundred hungry poor given to-day in the Mile End Road district of London.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races close on SATURDAY, 22nd January, 1927, at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date. Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hong Kong Club or Linstead & Davis.
Hong Kong, 7th January, 1927.

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